

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee AGENDA

Wednesday, July 27, 2022 - 6:00 PM
Gateway Cities Council of Governments

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA** - This is the time and place to change the order of the agenda, delete or add any agenda item(s).

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: The 91/605/405 Corridor Cities Committee will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or an item that is not on the agenda but within its subject matter jurisdiction. The 91/605/405 Corridor Cities Committee cannot discuss or take action on any item not on the agenda. The limit for each speaker is three minutes unless otherwise specified by the Chair. Please use the “Raise Hand” feature on Zoom to indicate that you wish to make a comment. If you are calling in, please dial *9 to use the “Raise Hand” feature.

V. MATTERS FROM STAFF

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR: All items under the Consent Calendar may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and acted upon separately by the Committee.

A. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of May 25, 2022, of the 91/605/405 Corridor Cities Committee

VII. REPORTS

10 Min

A. 91/I-605/405 Program Update – Report by Metro.
• Hot Spots - Freeway Updates
• Local Hot Spots Updates

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

20 Min

B. 605 CIP Update – Initial Response to CCC Motion from February 24, 2021
– Report by Metro

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF, OR APPROVE

5 Min

C. Gateway Cities COG Engineer Report by Yvette Kirrin and/or Kekoa Anderson

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

VIII. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR
Item A.**

**Approval of Minutes for
May 25, 2022**

**MINUTES OF THE
SR-91/I-605/I-405
CORRIDOR CITIES COMMITTEE (CCC) MEETING
Via Zoom**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Raymond Dunton at 6:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken and presented below.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

	Name	City / Agency	Present	Absent
1	Tony Lima	Artesia		X
2	Raymond Dunton	Bellflower	X	
3	Bruce Barrows	Cerritos	X	
4	Jonathan Bowers	Compton	X	
5	Claudia M. Frometa	Downey	X	
6	Luis Roa	Hawaiian Gardens	X	
7	Bing Hyun	Industry		X
8	Ariel Pe	Lakewood		X
9	Stacy Mungo	Long Beach	X	
10	Rick Ramirez	Norwalk	X	
11	Vilma Cuellar Stallings	Paramount		X
12	Raul Elias	Pico Rivera		X
13	Juanita Martin	Santa Fe Springs	X	
14	Fernando Dutra	Whittier	X	
15	Viviana Gomez	LA County Supervisor, District 4	X	
		Totals =	10	5

OTHER ATTENDEES: Ana Pantoja, Yvette Kirrin, Marisa Perez, Sandra Mora, Genny Cisneros, COG Staff; Isidro Panuco, Carlos Montez, Ernesto Chaves, Celine Chench, Metro; Joe Linton Streetblogs; Robert Lopez, City of Cerritos; Kekoa Anderson, KOA Consulting, Unidentified Number ending in 2966

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments.

V. MATTERS FROM STAFF

There were no matters from staff.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of February 24, 2022, of the SR-91/I-605/405 Corridor Cities Committee.

It was moved by Norwalk, seconded by Downey, to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2022. The motion was approved unanimously, with Cerritos abstaining.

VII. REPORTS

A. 91/605/405 Metro Highway Program Update – Oral Report by Ernesto Chaves (Metro)

Ernesto Chaves provided an update on the various Metro led projects.

Ernesto introduced the team, and Isidro provided a report to the 605 EIR PowerPoint presentation to the group. He noted that the list shown in the presentation includes a number a number of other projects underway along the Corridor in various phases of development. Carlos will describe them in more detail following this presentation. For this project, Isido provided a background history. He included the CCC motion from the last meeting, as well as the future plan to address the public engagement included in the Metro Board Motion. The core of the reason is the status update for Motion 42, was presented including the engagement, the review of the purpose and need, the request to reduce impacts and to review the project consistent with current state, federal and local policies. Going forward, Metro plans to reengage with the Cities individually including City staff and leadership to understand the concerns and needs to loop them into the project, and after the consultations they may develop new alternatives or refine the current ones, and look at sustainability, equity and accessibility. Additional community comment and input will be sought to further refine the alternatives, and then report back to Metro. They envision the activities to occur over the next months and to expect invites. This is all an advance notice of the future activities proposed. Ernesto added that 1) Metro plans to provide an update to the Metro Board via Board Box item (not a report) as they are gearing up to go out and do outreach, so they want to be responsive to Motion 42.

Claudia from Downey addressed the group. She stated how important the community outreach is to this effort. She brought up Supervisor Hahn's meeting and thought we need to emphasize a strategic outreach to community members, not just City staff and leadership. She has one of the most impacted Cities and she wants to make sure that more strategic efforts are made to reach the Downey community.

Viviana echoed Claudia, noting that the Supervisor's office is very interested in being updated on any activity.

Carlos provided the next presentation as part of Item A. He went over the hot spots projects that are currently ongoing, and provided an update to each of the projects. 605/South Street adds a right turn pocket due to the SB queuing and backs up onto the freeway. Will be advertised this summer for construction. 605/91 westbound project will add a lane from Shoemaker to Alondra due to weaving conflicts and backup onto the NB 605 causing accidents. Final design is expected in December 2022. 91/Central to Acacia also addresses a weaving issue due to close interchange distances, and includes a collector distributor improvement, and will be advertised in the fall. 91 (Atlantic to Cherry) adds an auxiliary lane is expected to be final design completion very soon with construction in early 2023. 605 Beverly IC is addressing the weaving safety conflict issues as well as signal improvements on Beverly along with extra space in the interchange. Construction bid is expected this summer. 605/Valley interchange removes a horseshoe ramp to reconfigure it and to incorporate complete streets improvements for the pedestrians crossing the freeway bridge. Whittier Boulevard is project that Metro is managing on behalf of the City of Whittier and includes intersection improvements at Painter Road and SFS Road, and design is anticipated soon, with construction in 2023 and 2024.

Board Member Dutra asked a question regarding the ramp construction items and asked if any requires RW takes. Carlos stated that they do not require RW residential takes. He noted that for the WB 91 that they do have some sliver acquisition at the Traci High School where the landscape area meets the sidewalk which is being negotiated now. Whittier has an easement for a retaining wall of the railroad at the 5 points that requires reconstruction. There are no residential takes. Carlos noted that the intent of early action was to delivery something with minimal impacts. Not all projects are fully funded. Ernesto stated that funding is available but hasn't been encumbered.

It was moved by Councilman Dutra, seconded by Mayor Frometa to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Measure M Non-Freeway Funding Request for \$21,011,308 Approved by the 91/605/405 TAC on January 21, 2022 – Presentation by Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG Transportation Engineer

Ms. Yvette Kirrin provided a presentation and overview of the second cycle of funding that was coordinated via the 91/605/405 TAC agencies. She noted that the TAC approved the first round of funding in June 2019 for \$30,264,900. The current round of funding requests total \$21,016,617 (updated since posting the CCC meeting agenda), and includes funds for Long Beach, Pico Rivera and Bellflower. A summary of each project was provided to the CCC. The total allocation available over the 5-year period is \$65 million, so the remaining funds of approximately \$14 million will be looked at again sometime next year.

It was moved to approve the Measure M MSP Funding Request of \$21,016,617 by Whittier, seconded by Downey. Roll call was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Metro Board Member Fernando Dutra thanked Metro and the GCCOG staff for the updates. He noted that he was pleased that Metro is going to restart the 605 EIR outreach efforts, as the GCCOG continues to support the robust outreach effort and the Cities have spoken. While there's not support for enhancements at the state or regional level, he noted that the JPA still supports a range of alternatives to be discussed and debated via the NEPA CEQA process along with the benefits and impacts. He noted that he hopes Caltrans will support a project with lesser impactful alternative that might require substandard features and we need to focus on minimize impacts that still provide operational and safety improvements with less RW impacts. He asked Metro to get feedback on the options from the outreach and as we restart this project, and he wants us to find a way to get projects done that still reduce congestion with lesser impacts. He emphasized that we need to focus on what we can do, and we think 3 dimensionally about projects, and its' our job to take complicated project and explain them to sound easy.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

VII. REPORTS
Item A

91/I-605/405 Program
Update Report by Metro

**(Attachment to come at time of
meeting)**

VII. REPORTS
Item B.

**605 CIP UPDATE – INITIAL RESPONSE
TO CCC MOTION FROM FEBRUARY 24,
2021**

Report by Metro

**(Attachment to come at time of
meeting)**