

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Via Zoom
January 19, 2022**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM.

II. Roll Call

#	Name	City/Agency	Present	Absent
1.	Bill Pagett	City of Bell	X	
2.	Grissel Chavez	City of Bell Gardens	X	
3.	Richard Garland	City of Carson		X
4.	Daniel Hernandez	City of Commerce	X	
5.	Daniel Garcia	City of Compton	X	
6.	Aaron Hernandez Torres	City of Cudahy		X
7.	Delfino Consunji/Ed Norris	City of Downey	X	
8.	Cesar Roldan	City of Huntington Park	X	
9.	Carl Hickman	City of Long Beach	X	
10.	Maricela Santana	City of Lynwood	X	
11.	Ahmad Ansari	City of Maywood		X
12.	Bill Pagett	City Paramount	X	
13.	Bill Zimmerman	City of Signal Hill	X	
14.	Jose Loera	City of South Gate		X
15.	Dan Wall	City of Vernon	X	
16.	Mahdad Derakhshani	County of Los Angeles	X	
17.	Jason Roach	CalTrans	X	
18.	Jacob Waclaw	FHWA & FTA		X
19.	Ernesto Chaves	MTA	X	
20.	Theresa Dau Ngo	Port of Long Beach	X	
21.	Kerry Cartwright	Port of Los Angeles	X	
Total =			16	5

Other attendees included: Yvette Kirrin, Kekoa Anderson, Joel Arevalos, Sandra Mora, Karen Heit, GCCOG staff; Traci Gleason, Koa Consulting; Rey Alfonso, City of Bell; Gabino Luna, Lucy Delgadillo, Lourdes Kriste, Ed Alegre, Abdollah Ansari, Julio Perucho, Metro Richard Alexander, GFnet; Lorraine Ahlquist, Rincon Consultants; Nina Turner, Port of Long Beach; Tewodros Mekuria, HNTB, Inc; Alina Mullins, AQMD; Michael Hynes, WKE, Inc; Michael Grossman, DRCD, Inc; Adriana Raza, LACSD; Viviana Gomez, Luke Klipp, Supervisor Hahn' s Office; Maggie Cheung, LA County Public Works; Geirge Medina, Stephanie Oslick, Moffat Nichol; Jackie Martinez, BKF; Shannon Willits, HNTB; Mark Christoffels,

Wayne Richardson, HDR, Inc; Kandice Nguyen, AYE, Inc; Meredith Elguira, City of South Gate; James Shankel, Michelle Cordi, CalTrans; Allan Perdomo, City of Bell; Marvin Holmes, LACSD; Steven Anderson, DEA, Inc.

III. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

V. Matters from Staff

There were no matters from staff.

VI. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Daniel Hernandez, Commerce, seconded by Bill Pagett, Paramount, to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2021. The motion was approved without objection, and abstention by Downey.

VII. Reports

A. I-710 EIR/EIS Project Update

Mr. Ernesto Chavez provided an update of the Metro 710 Task Force, which was created in response to a few motions from the May 2021 Metro Board, to suspend the 710 EIR, and to reinstate a process with the stakeholders to evaluate the vision and goals for the Corridor and to evaluate a potentially different set of improvements and/or alternatives to move forward with the 710 Corridor. A work plan with dates was provided via a PowerPoint to the group, with a final investment plan due back to the Board in mid- 2022. The 710 Task Force meets once per month via webinar and has a number of sub-committees. Details regarding dates and times were provided in Metro's PowerPoint. The hope is to cover a comprehensive set of needs for the Corridor and to address them via the 710 Task Force. The Stakeholder meeting #5 is scheduled for February 17, 2022 with scheduled meetings through May 2022.

Ms. Nancy Pfeffer, GCCOG Executive Director, provided an update to the TAC regarding the Gateway Cities COG I-710 Ad-Hoc Committee, which was a sub-committee formed by the GCCOG Board back in July 2021, and is made up of 14 members, and meets 2x per month. Since the last update provided November 2021, the GCCOG Board authorized an extension of

the Committee's life until June 2022 to report back to them with list of recommended early action projects and programs. Over the last many meetings, the Committee worked on the Guiding Principles and completed three drafts. The next step is to take the Guiding Principles to the GCCOG Board on February 2, 2022, as a recommendation from the sub-committee. If adopted, they will then be forwarded to the Metro Task Force. Metro will be conducting a vision and goals survey. A web-link to the vision and goals survey will be sent out publicly. Additionally, a Metro presentation on existing conditions data and information will be shared with the sub-committee next Monday, January 24th, including a variety of topics.

Mr. Ed Alegre, Metro, provided an update regarding the 710 ICM project, since the last 710 TAC meeting. They've continued to meet to review the systems requirements document, which agencies have commented. The final document will be provided soon. As a 2022 outlook, the plan is to start the high-level design, and be reaching out to agencies to discuss potential improvements that Metro wants to implement along the arterials and the freeway system. They will also be working on the draft MOU with the agencies to see how everything will operate, which will be shared in the next month, with hopes to finalize this year. The design is scheduled to be completed in December 2022, to position themselves to receive funding for the implementation phase, with a start of construction in mid-2023. The funding is not 100% secure for the construction phase, and they'd like to leverage funds, and possibly do a phased approach.

It was moved by Carl Hickman, Long Beach, seconded by Delfino Consunji, Downey, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved without objection, or abstentions.

The report was Received and Filed without objection or abstention.

B. Current 710 Early Action Project Update (Freeway & Non-Freeway)

Oral Report by Metro. Ernesto Chaves, Metro provided an oral report, noting that handouts were provided in the TAC agenda package to show Cash Flow (Freeway & Non-Freeway)/Invoicing Status.

The report was Received and Filed without objection or abstention.

C. Funding Requests

Long Beach – Artesia Great Street Project

City of Long Beach - Project Name: Artesia "Great" Street Project. This is the second meeting to follow up on the project. To summarize, a few years back, the TAC allocated Measure R funds for the design. The City is

requesting Construction Phase funding in the amount of \$9.112 million, from the 710 TAC.

A motion was made by Ahmad Ansari, Maywood, seconded by Jose Loera, South Gate to approve the \$9.112 million funding request, for the Artesia “Great” Street Project, and forward it to the Metro Board for approval and a Funding Agreement.

Roll call was taken and there was unanimous approval, without objection or abstention.

Bell – Gage Road Bridge Improvements Project

City of Bell - Project Name: Gage Road Bridge Improvements Project.

Mr. Gabino Luna presented the funding request. He noted that this is a 1940’s bridge that’s heavily used by traffic, peds and bikes, and is a major thoroughfare, and has exceeded it’s life cycle. The bridge is eligible for federal funds as it’s on the highway system. The City wishes to widen the bridge. There is no acquisition required and there’s no conflict with the current 710 proposed plans. Gabino provided a presentation that answered GCCOG TAC questions to confirm that it met the Measure R eligibility requirements. The requested Measure R funding is \$980,000, which is a leveraged funding, along with Caltrans providing 80% of the total cost. The total cost is \$2,920,000 for the project. The cashflow will be spent over the next 3 fiscal years into 2024/2025. The schedule to complete the work includes final design from April 2022 to September 2024, and Construction beginning in 2025.

Carl Hickman from Long Beach raised a question about peds and bikes and meeting complete streets goals. He asked what those improvements include. The City noted that the bridge will be widened from 56’ to 82’ to accommodate bikes, and to have a wider sidewalk.

The County asked to confirm if Federal funds can be matched in this case, and Bill Pagett confirmed this as being allowable.

A motion was made by Marisela Marroquin, Lynwood, seconded by Cesar Roldan, Huntington Park to approve \$980,000 as a match to the Caltrans funds which will fully fund the City of Bell’s Gage Road Bridge Improvements Project for the final design, and to forward it to the Metro Board for approval and a Funding Agreement.

Roll call was taken and there was unanimous approval, without objection, and an abstention from Paramount.

Huntington Park - Slauson Corridor Capacity Enhancement Project

City of Huntington Park - Project Name: Slauson Corridor Capacity Enhancement.

Mr. Cesar Roldan introduced the project noting that the City was returning to the 710 TAC to get additional funds for the concrete of the intersections, due to heavy truck traffic and busses traveling through the Slauson Corridor. The City requested \$4.2 million in October 2021. The City has completed the design phase, and they need an additional \$700k to program the project, so they bid it ASAP.

A motion was made by Dan Garcia, Compton, seconded by Grissel Chavez, Bell Gardens, to approve an additional \$700,000 for pay for the concrete at the intersections along the Slauson Avenue project, and forward it to the Metro Board for approval and a Funding Agreement.

Roll Call was taken and there was unanimous approval, without objection or abstention.

VIII. COG Engineers Report

No Report

IX. Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

No further matters.

X. Matters from the Chair

No Matters

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36PM