

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

**Via Zoom
OCTOBER 19, 2022**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 PM

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.	Mohammed Mostahkami	City of Commerce	X	
5.	Vacant	City of Compton		X
6.	Aaron Hernandez Torres	City of Cudahy		X
7.	Ed Norris	City of Downey	X	
8.	Cesar Roldan	City of Huntington Park	X	
9.	Mouhsen Habib	City of Long Beach	X	
10.	Julian Lee	City of Lynwood		X
11.	Mohammed Mostahkami	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.	Lizette Melendrez	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 =			14	7

Other attendees included: Yvette Kirrin, Traci Gleason, Nancy Pfeffer, Kekoa Anderson, Sandra Mora, Joel Arevalos, Norm Emerson – GCCOG staff; James Shankel - CalTrans; Bill Stracker – JM Diaz; Ricardo Corona, Ed Alegre, Lourdes Kriste, Lucy Delgadillo, Joseph Forgiarini, Eva Moon, Michael Cano – Metro; Viviana Gomez, Luke Klipp Office of Supervisor Hahn; Nina Turner, Port of Long Beach; Georgia Medina, Nicolas Velazquez, Andy Nowak, Timothy Maurer Moffat & Nichol; Diego Cadena, Wayne Richardson – HDR; Shannon Willits - HNTB; Maggie Cheung - LA County Department of Public Works; Bill Zimmerman – City of Signal Hill

II. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Matters from Staff

There were no matters from staff.

V. Consent Calendar

A motion by Mohammad Mostahkami, Commerce, seconded by Ernesto Chavez, Metro to approve the meeting minutes of September 21, 2022 of the 710 TAC. Roll call was taken and the motion was approved unanimously with no objection, nor abstention.

VI. Reports

Item A: 710 Metro Task Force - Update

Mr. Ernesto Chaves provided the update, including a 3-part presentation, with the first part being the Metro Task Force, the second part regarding the 710 ICM and the 3rd part being the Southeast LA Transit Improvement Project.

Mr. Ernesto Chavez noted that they are creating a comprehensive list to be quantified by the end of the year, and there will also be plenty of presentations being made to the Task Force. In parallel, staff is working on the PIPO (pre-investment plan opportunities) including the Humphries Bridge (reconnecting communities grant) and they are also trying to scope out the SELA Transit Improvement Program. We are also working on the Final EIR/EIS and the No Build is being selected and the document needs to be completed and finalized. This should happen in the next year.

Mr. Ed Alegre gave a brief update regarding the ICM project and noted they are meeting with the Cities regarding the ITS elements. He noted that the Metro Board approved the project to pursue outside funding which they are pursuing SB1/TCEP funding for the construction implementation phase, and they want letters of support. The deadline is this Friday for the letter of support and a template was sent out to the group.

Mr. Joseph Forgiarini provided a presentation who is with Metro's service development team in the service branch. The presentation was on the NextGen Bus Plan, which is a once in a generation review of the entire bus network, which is focused on the 710 corridors for this presentation. They

re-baseline their overall network and establish service tiers based on service frequencies along with trip times. Ne noted that there are around 12 N/S corridors carrying significant ridership with many running a peak 10-minute periods. There are also a significant number of E/W lines running in the GCCOG subregion. Improvements include bus priority lanes, transit signal priority, all door boarding and other optimization strategies to speed up the system. Metro also wishes to convert the fleet by 2030 to zero emissions.

Mohsen noted that he wanted to see the Artesia line on the list, and Metro noted that in the last 2 years Torrance Transit and LBT runs the Corridor. It's not on the Metro line as it wasn't given a priority due to lower frequency (every ½ hour). Could still be considered.

Mohammad asked about schedule and implementation. Ernesto noted that they are scoping out the program that was part of the PIPO to go after outside funding. Asking for input now and then will pursue funding. It's a short-term improvement as soon as funding is available.

Grissel asked about the timeline for the shelters at Gage on Florence. Joseph noted that he'll get more information and that they want to expand the areas of coverage. She also asked about the maintenance of the Metro stops and that it needs to be followed through regarding level of maintenance performed at higher frequency stops are dirty and not well maintained and free from hazards and blight. She also wanted more info on the vendor that is used to better understand the expectations.

Nancy provided a few comments including a need for more regular interaction with the 710 TAC based on some of the questions that she's hearing. Specifically, regarding the project, and going forward, and the process, what will be the opportunity for the Cities to see the scope as it takes shape and to comment on it. Joseph noted that there is a lot of work to still be done to scope the goals associated with the project.

Bill Pagett asked about maintenance as well, noting specific City expectations, he asked if Metro would consider contracting with the City so that they can maintain it to their own expectation?

Metro to email the NextGen presentation.

A motion was made by Mohammed Mostahkami (Commerce), seconded by Grissel Chavez (Bell Gardens) to receive and file the report. Without objection nor abstention, the motion was unanimously approved.

Item B: I-710 Measure R Funds Update (Freeway & Non-Freeway)

Mr. Ricardo Corona, of Metro, presented the Measure R funding report. The updated figure shows about \$55m remaining, however, January 2023 will be included in the bi-annual programming update. He also showed the totals expended to date based on invoicing and reimbursements.

A motion by Bill Padgett (Bell), seconded by Ed Norris (Downey) to receive and file the report. Without objection and/or abstentions, the motion was approved.

Item C: I-710 TAC Work Program List – Presentation by Yvette Kirrin

Ms. Yvette Kirrin provided an oral report noting that the 710 TAC advocacy work program exercise was complete and the list of the projects was included as an attachment to the agenda.

Ms. Kirrin noted that the goal is for the projects to be recommended for incorporation into the Metro Task Force Implementation Plan. She noted that our job is to inform our City Management and Elected Officials, that may or may not be a part of the Ad-Hoc delegation, that we are asking for our fair share.

Bill made a comment regarding equity, and he noted that since every City pays the same annual fee that the Cities should get an equal amount. He believes that this should be our approach. Mouhsen asked if this is reasonable, but the TAC was set up as an equal contribution and not based on population. Equity is an important discussion. Nancy brought up the CLC which is an outside committee to the Metro Task Force and to provide input to the investment plan She asked if the agencies can discuss who their CLC member might be and to connect with them. Ernesto can send out the CLC list.

A motion was made by Mohammed Mostahkami (Commerce), seconded by Ed Norris (Downey) to approve the 710 Advocacy Work Program List of projects and to begin working with local agency leadership as well as to forward the list to the GCCOG Board for approval. Without objection, and one abstention from Metro, the motion was approved.

Item D: I-710 Measure R (Non-Freeway) Remaining Funds

Ms. Kirrin provided an oral report noting that as the 710 PowerPoint was now outdated due to the “No Build” alternative being selected. She noted that the rest of the funding request template was still a good tool to compare projects on an “apples to apples” basis. The group agreed in concept that this is what needs to happen with future funding requests.

The discussion then turned to “What do we do with the remaining \$49 million funds?”

Mohammad suggested that we add all the unfinished FA’s to the TAC list. As projects develop, we keep the existing money available for draw down. Luke mentioned that he’s pleased to see the presentation and all the facts and information being presented. He brought up the definition of freeway vs. non-freeway and the discussion turned to the major elements of the Corridor as defined by the Task Force.

Ed noted that he agrees that a contingency is needed for the ongoing projects that are close to being in construction as well as specifying set asides for new projects that haven’t been initiated and a set aside for those phases that might be unfunded. He likes the approach.

Jose noted that for the City of South Gate that they are in the process of completing the projects and are completing punch list items. Bids are coming in very high on projects, and the city doesn’t have the funds, so they are resizing the projects. He recommends first come first serve on the shovel ready and to support that project.

Ernesto noted that freeway funds remain, and what happens to those funds will be included in the Metro Task Force and the Measure M funds as a starting point for funding projects. It’s not freeway/non-freeway anymore and is a multimodal corridor.

Mouhsen noted that there are early action projects that are funded, and Ernesto noted that some projects like the sound walls and the shoemaker bridge are unfunded for construction. Bill noted that there are many freeway projects remaining based on the no-build project, and are part of the ad-hoc list of recommendations.

Bill also agreed for a set-aside for contingency. He noted that for the Cities that haven’t got their fair share, to reach out and see if they are going to submit a project.

This item needed to continue this item to the next TAC meeting, as a quorum was soon to be lost due to the length of the overall meeting.

A motion was made by Ed Norris (Downey), seconded by Mohsen Habib (Long Beach) to table the item until the next meeting. Without objection, nor abstention, the motion was unanimously approved.

Item F: Cog Engineer’s Report – Oral Report by Yvette Kirrin and/or Kekoa Anderson

No Report.

VIII. Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

No further matters.

IX. Matters from the Chair

No Matters

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 PM