

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
August 20, 2014**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Pagett at 1:42 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, Chair, City of Maywood, and City of Paramount; Terry Rodrigue, City of Bell; Ray Abassi, City of Bell Gardens; Richard Garland, City of Carson; Maryam Babaki, City of Commerce; Luis H. Osuna, City of Compton; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of Downey; Desi Alvarez, City of Huntington Park; Derek Wieske, City of Long Beach; Art Cervantes, City of South Gate; Kevin Wilson, City of Vernon; James Yang, County of Los Angeles; Mario Gutierrez, Caltrans; Ernesto Chaves, MTA; Theresa Dau-Ngo, POLB;.

ABSENT: Michael Allen, City of Cudahy; Elias Saikaly, City of Lynwood; Charlie Honeycutt, City of Signal Hill; Jacob Waclaw, FHWA & FTA; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Annie Nam, SCAG; Peter Greenwald, SCAQMD; Representative from the California Highway Patrol; Donald Johnson, SCE (ex officio); John Doherty, ACTA (ex officio); Mark Sedlacek, LADWP (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Gregg Magaziner, Metro; Adrian Alvarez, Metro; Danielle Valentino, Metro; John Vassiliades, Caltrans; Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG; Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Tom Choe, System Metrics Group; Pat Somerville, HNTB; Peter Miessner, Willdan Engineering; Jamal Salman, Transystems, Inc.; Kaoru McCullough, RBF Baker; Ken Steele, AECOM; Mario Montes, HDR; Mujib Ahmed, KOA; Ray Abassi, Infrastructure Engineers; Robert Woodings, Anderson Penna Partners; Newton Armstrong, Wilson & Co.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mohammad Mostahkami.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Matters from Staff

Ernesto Chaves introduced Gregg Magaziner, Metro's new Executive Officer for Highway Programs.

VII. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Kevin Wilson, to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 16, 2014. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Reports

- A. Engineering Report on I-710 Corridor Project RDEIR/SDEIS**
- B. Environmental Report on I-710 Corridor Project RDEIR/SDEIS**
- C. Community Participation Status Report on I-710 Corridor Project**

Ernesto Chaves provided a briefing on behalf of the technical team. He said the technical studies will be completed by spring of next year; the draft EIR will be completed by the summer; and the EIR will be released to the public at the end of 2015 or in early 2016. In response to a question from Kevin Wilson, he said Caltrans, Metro, and the COG are in consultation regarding how to move forward regarding Community Alternative 7; the scope of work and schedule for the project team does not include Community Alternative 7.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Bill Pagett, to invite the Los Angeles Flood Control District, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, and Long Beach Transit to the TAC to present on items related to Community Alternative 7 and how they are already working on projects related to or within the I-710 corridor. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Derek Wieske, seconded by Kevin Wilson, to receive a file the report regarding items A through C. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Current I-710 Early Action Project Update and Semi-Annual Programming of Funds Exercise

Tom Choe, System Metrics, presented a status report on the Early Action projects and reviewed the Measure R cash flow.

Yvette Kirrin reviewed the recommended strategy to move forward with the design and shovel ready projects phases, and to live within the means of the first decade allocation until we have more projects ready, in terms of scope, schedule, and cash flow to request additional funds.

It was moved by Art Cervantes, seconded by Mohammad Mostahkami, reduce the Firestone Blvd. On-ramp Measure R funding allocation from \$5.5 million to \$1.6 million to fund the design phase. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Bill Pagett, seconded by Mohammad Mostahkami, to approve \$10 million in funding for the City of Commerce's Washington Blvd. project. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Art Cervantes, to fund the Early Action projects approved at the July 16th meeting for only the 14-15 and 15-16 fiscal years, with the TAC to request additional funding necessary to complete them when these projects demonstrate project completeness. The motion was approved, with Kevin Wilson opposed.

It was moved by Ray Abassi, seconded by Kevin Wilson, to rescind the approval given at the July 16th meeting for the Florence Avenue/Eastern Avenue intersection improvement project until the project is ready for funding. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Bill Pagett, seconded by Desi Alvarez, to rescind the approval given at the July 16th meeting for the Garfield Avenue improvements until the project is ready for funding. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bill Pagett noted that he would like to have a few presentations per month, which would cumulatively add to the next semi-annual programming update.

Ernesto Chaves noted that the Metro Board can take action off-cycle for urgent projects.

Adrian Alvarez provided an update regarding the ability to amend MOUs. He presented the City of South Gate's MOU as a boilerplate for discussion. He said six cities had reached out to him. He proposed a path for previous funding agreements and modifications. He said new ones would need to go through the TAC. He said he would provide additional details by email.

E. COG Engineer's Report

Yvette Kirrin recapped the Project Committee meeting of July 31st, reporting that the Committee recommended moving forward with alternatives 5C, 7, and CA7. She said meetings would be held next week regarding the Strategic Transportation Plan.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Derek Wieske, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

IX. Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

Mohammad Mostahkami recommended that Metro come back to the TAC regarding how to manage projects' percentage completion/progress so that cities can come back and request additional funds.

Ernesto Chaves noted MTA's fare restructuring, which is effective on September 15. Danielle Valentino, Metro, provided brochures regarding the fare increases.

X. Matters from the Chair

Bill Pagett thanked Tom Choe for being present on short notice to make his cash flow presentation.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:46 p.m.