

**MINUTES OF THE
SR-91/I-605/I-405 CORRIDOR CITIES
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING
Gateway Cities COG Office, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount
October 27, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Hal Arbogast at 2:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by self introductions.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Hal Arbogast, City of Cerritos, Chair; Okina Dor, City of Artesia; Jerry Stock, City of Bellflower; Steve Masura, City of Compton; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Bill Pagett, Cities of Hawaiian Gardens and Paramount; Max Withrow, City of Lakewood; Derek Wieske, City of Long Beach; Bill Zimmerman, City of Norwalk; Noe Negrete, City of Santa Fe Springs; Chris Magdosku, City of Whittier; Bella Hernandez, County of Los Angeles; Mark Christoffels, San Gabriel Valley COG.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: J.D. Ballas, City of Industry; Jose Loera, City of Pico Rivera.

OTHERS PRESENT: Maryam Adhami, County of Los Angeles; Len Gorecki, City of Bellflower; Eric Widstrand, City of Long Beach; Ernesto Chaves, Metro; Adrian Alvarez, Metro; Robert Machuca, Metro; Kekoa Anderson, Gateway Cities COG; Jack Joseph, Gateway Cities COG; Chris Buscarino, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Jim Parker, VA Consulting; Walt Quesada, Jacobs; Ayman Salama, Transsystems; Steve Henderson, Parsons; Violette Sedagat, Geo-Advantec, Inc.; Gene Bougdanos, Michael Baker International.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Derek Wieske.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

There were no matters from staff.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Bill Pagett, seconded by Noe Negrete, to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2015, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS

A. Gateway Cities and Rivers Urban Greening Master Plan

It was moved by Chris Magdosku, seconded by Okina Dor, to continue this item to the next meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. I-605 Hot Spots Interchanges Project Update

Adrian Alvarez, Metro, gave a status report on the freeway interchange projects. He reported that the contract for the I-605/I-5 PAED had been authorized for award; the I-710/SR-91 PSR/PDS contract had also been authorized for award; the I-605/SR-91 PAED is still in procurement; the I-605/SR-60 PAED would be advertised in January; and SCAG is working on the I-405 Master Plan, which would influence the I-605/I-405 express lanes concept.

Mr. Alvarez distributed charts illustrating the work progress on the cities' and County's arterial intersection "hot spots" projects. He said a report on the seven intersection projects being performed by Metro would be presented at the next meeting.

Derek Wieske requested that SCAG be invited to give a presentation on the I-405 Master Plan.

It was moved by Noe Negrete, seconded by Jerry Stock, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. I-605 Hot Spots Funding Eligibility Criteria and Approval Process

Kekoa Anderson referred the TAC to the staff report in the agenda packet that recommended that the Hot Spots projects criteria and approval process be amended to consist of two TAC meetings: At the first meeting the project would be presented. At the following month's meeting the TAC members will have had time to properly evaluate the project and ask questions or concerns. If Metro determines the project is eligible for funding, during the second meeting the TAC can make a motion to approve or deny the project funding.

Adrian Alvarez reported that the Metro Highway Advisory Committee (HAC) had met and discussed clarifications to the existing criteria for nominating projects, but the HAC may need one more meeting to establish closure on this item. He recommended that the TAC act today on the recommended clarifications to the criteria and approval process so as to not hold up any projects from today until March so that they would be ready for the semi-annual review by the MTA Board in the spring.

Bill Pagett said the amended process would allow TAC members to send questions to Yvette Kirrin or Keko Anderson, who would forward them to the requesting city so that they would be prepared to answer questions at the upcoming TAC meeting. He said the I-710 TAC uses a similar process. He said there were no questions; the project could be placed on the consent calendar for that meeting.

It was moved by Derek Wieske, seconded by Chris Magdosku, to approve the recommended amendment to the Hot Spots funding criteria and approval process. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Measure R I-605/SR-91/I-405 Cash Flow Update

Adrian Alvarez distributed handouts showing the current Measure R cash flow projections and reviewed them with the TAC. He encouraged cities to invoice early and often in order to demonstrate progress on the projects.

It was moved by Ed Norris, seconded by Bill Pagett, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. Measure R Funding Requests Update--Project Presentation by City of Norwalk

Bill Zimmerman gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed pavement reconstruction of Imperial Highway from the eastern to the western city limits of the City of Norwalk. He said the total distance is four miles. He said the project will improve the pavement section with high strength concrete and improve the non-standard crown of the roadway, improving drainage deficiencies. He said total project cost is \$5,741,000, with an estimated completion date of winter 2018.

Derek Wieske said he thought that maintenance projects are not eligible for Hot Spots funding. Mr. Zimmerman responded that Imperial Highway is also a detour route for any construction in the area, which is why it is not simply a maintenance project.

Bill Pagett said he saw a nexus for the project because of its use as a detour route.

Adrian Alvarez asked if the city had pursued any other funding for the project. Mr. Zimmerman responded that it had not.

In response to a question from the TAC as to whether the project is eligible for funding under the I-5 project's construction and traffic management plan, Mr. Zimmerman said the project was skipped over as part of the I-5 pavement mitigation plan, but that it could be part of phase three.

After discussion, it was moved by Bill Pagett, seconded by Derek Wieske, to continue this item to the next meeting consistent with the recommendation to approve project nominations in two TAC meetings. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Gateway Cities COG Engineer Report

Kekoa Anderson gave a PowerPoint presentation updating the TAC on various projects, including the Strategic Transportation Plan, California High Speed Rail Project, San Gabriel River Urban Greening, Complete Streets Master Plan, and Arterial Smart Corridors projects.

It was moved by Noe Negrete, seconded by Ed Norris, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no comments from committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:43 p.m.