

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA  
February 21, 2018**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pagett at 1:39 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Bill Pagett, Chair, City of Bell and City of Paramount; Douglas Benash, City of Bell Gardens; Seung Yang, City of Commerce; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of Downey; Alvin Papa, City of Long Beach; Ray Abassi, City of Lynwood; Dan Garcia, City of Maywood; Clint Herrera, City of South Gate; Dan Wall, City of Vernon; Paul Barbe, County of Los Angeles; John Vassiliades, Caltrans; Ernesto Chaves, MTA; Theresa Dau Ngo, POLB; Michael Huynh, SCE (ex officio).

**ABSENT:** Richard Garland, City of Carson; Wendell Johnson, City of Compton; Aaron Hernandez, City of Cudahy; Sergio Infanzon, City of Huntington Park; Kelli Tunnicliff, City of Signal Hill; Jacob Waclaw, FHWA & FTA; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Annie Nam, SCAG; Representative from the California Highway Patrol; Mike Krause, SCAQMD; John Doherty, ACTA (ex officio); Steve Broyles, LADWP (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Ed Norris, City of Downey; Nina Turner, POLB; Julia Brown, Metro; Jason Roach, Caltrans; Yvette Kirrin, GCCOG; Kekoa Anderson, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Jeff Fromhertz, WSP; Wayne Richardson, Tetra Tech; Perry Maljian, Wood Group; Cal Zachman, MNS Engineers; Nicole Jules, Interwest; Vanessa Barrientos, Southstar; Terence Pao, HNTB; Myriam Frausto, Mark Thomas.

**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**

There were no matters from staff.

## **VII. Consent Calendar**

It was moved by Alvin Papa, seconded by Ernesto Chaves, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 17, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously, with Mohammad Mostahkami abstaining.

## **VIII. Reports**

### **A. I-710 EIR/EIR Project Update**

- **Status Update Regarding Recommendation of Alternative 5C to the Metro Board**

Ernesto Chaves presented a brief update on the ongoing activity regarding the staff recommendation of Alternative 5C as the preferred alternative to the Metro Board. He said a motion was introduced at the Highway Committee that would increase the funding from \$100 million to \$200 million for the zero-emission truck program. Staff was also asked to look at future technology to see if the lane addition under Alternative 5C could be used as a zero-emission truck lane. He said the Project and Programming Committee and Highway Committee had advanced the project without a recommendation.

Mr. Chaves said other motions or revisions are likely to occur at the Metro Board meeting, but the staff recommendation regarding Alternative 5C remains the same. He said the lane addition under Alternative 5C is now “free”, but if it is going to be considered for a different disposition later, it could result in the recirculation of the EIR.

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

### **B. Current I-710 Early Action Project Updates, Including Cash Flow/Invoicing Status**

Ernesto Chaves referred the TAC to a report on the expenditure drawdowns on the early action projects. He noted that there is a map showing all the intersections that are level of service E or F identified in the EIR that are eligible for Measure R funding.

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

### **C. I-710 Early Action Projects Status Update and Request for Funds**

- **Shoemaker Bridge PS&E Phase—City of Long Beach**

Alvin Papa provided a briefing on this project and noted that 77% of the first \$5.5 million allocated has been expended. He said they are looking at a fall release of the EIR. He pointed out the integration of this project with their park and municipal water system projects.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Paul Barbe, to recommend the approval of \$5.5 million for completion of the PS&E due to the uncertainty of the overall design scope. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mohammad Mostahkami said he'd like to consider a cap on funding agreements or to set a threshold on smaller sized projects that wouldn't need to be approved in phases. Direction was given to staff to establish an ad hoc group to help determine the merits of streamlining the process. Mohammad Mostahkami and Bill Pagett volunteered to participate, and Yvette Kirrin offered to assist.

- **Paramount Blvd. at Imperial Highway—City of Downey**

Ed Norris provided a follow-up presentation on this project. He said the request is for \$3,185,000 for the full project cost, including all phases.

It was moved by Dan Garcia, seconded by Alvin Papa, to recommend the full \$3,185,000 for this project. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Ray Abassi, seconded by Art Cervantes, to receive and file the report and to bring back the project to the February meeting for approval of a recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **D. I-710 Early Action Projects (Active)—Status Update (Long Beach)**

- **Shoemaker Bridge Replacement Project**
- **Atlantic Ave./Willow Street Intersection Improvements**

Since the Shoemaker Bridge project was already covered under Item C above, Alvin Papa provided an update on the Atlantic/Willow intersection project. He said this project is intended to improve the level of service at this intersection from F to E by adding right and left turn lanes in both the northbound and southbound directions on Atlantic Avenue. He said the design was finished under the original \$300,000 allocation and that \$1.5 million is needed for right-of-way acquisition and \$1.1 million for construction. He said the City would like to come back in March or April to

request the right-of-way acquisition funding.

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

#### **E. COG Engineer's Report**

Yvette Kirrin noted that the STP prioritization process will roll out tomorrow and the month STP TAC meeting to begin to create the 5-year work plan.

#### **IX. Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee**

Dan Garcia thanked Ernesto Chaves and the Metro staff for coming out to Maywood to brief the City on the I-710 project.

Mohammad Mostahkami reported on the Transportation Summit held last week in the City of Long Beach, saying it was well attended and presented valuable information.

#### **X. Matters from the Chair**

There were no matters from the chair.

#### **XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.