

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

### **I-710 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE A Meeting Held at Gateway Cities COG Offices 7300 Alondra Blvd., Suite 201 Paramount, CA February 20, 2002**

Chair Pagett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair William Pagett, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Maywood, Paramount; Vice Chair Desi Alvarez, Downey; Robert Quintero, Commerce; Augustus Ajawara, Compton; Patrick Fu, Huntington Park; Don Dey, Long Beach; Ed Mino, South Gate; Sherwood Natsuhara, Vernon; Kerry Cartwright, Port of Long Beach; Steve Novotny, Caltrans; Joan Wood, MTA; Al Bowser, SCAG; Calvin Aubrey, CHP.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Carlos Alvarado, Bell; Joe Wang, Lynwood; Sandra Balmir, FHWA/FTA.

OTHERS PRESENT: Frances Lee and Kristin Wilson, Caltrans; Karin Hodin, MTA; Paul De Paola and Doug Granger, CHP; John Zeigler, Automobile Club of Southern California; Pat Smith, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Barbara Beck, SCAQMD; Jack Joseph and Deborah Chankin, Gateway Cities COG; Dave Levinsohn, Julie Rush, and Steven Yoshizumi, Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade and Douglas; Paul Taylor and Bruce Chow, Kaku Associates; Michael Fischer, Cambridge Systematics.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Augustus Ajawara led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

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Consent Calendar:

It was moved by Robert Quintero, seconded by Joan Wood, to receive and file the minutes of the meetings of December 12, 2001, and January 30, 2002. The motion was approved unanimously.

Reports:

A. Presentation of the Revised Initial Set of Alternatives

Dave Levinsohn (PBQD), consultant, presented the Initial Set of Alternatives that had been revised as a result of January 30, 2002, TAC Workshop. Handouts of the Initial Set of Alternatives were mailed to the TAC members a week before the meeting. There are now twelve alternatives. These are:

- Alternative 1 – No Build Alternative
- Alternative 2 – TSM/TDM Alternative
- Alternative 3 – Low General Purpose Alternative
- Alternative 4 – Low Truck Alternative
- Alternative 5 – Medium HOV Alternative
- Alternative 6 – Medium General Purpose Alternative
- Alternative 7 – Medium Truck Alternative
- Alternative 8 – High General Purpose Alternative
- Alternative 9 – High Truck Alternative
- Alternative 10 – High Goods Movement Alternative
- Alternative 11 – High HOV Alternative
- Alternative 12 – High General Purpose/High HOV Alternative

After discussions among the TAC members, it was the consensus for the TAC to make the following adjustments to the preliminary set of transportation alternatives:

- Add widening of Florence Blvd., I-710 to Eastern, to the arterial improvements (Alts. 3, 4).
- Eliminate Santa Fe Ave. from the arterial improvements (Alt. 3)
- Add language regarding the need to avoid or mitigate impacts to on-street parking to the arterial improvements (Alts 3, 4, 10)
- Enhance discussion of access management to include consolidation and/or elimination of commercial driveways, smaller residential streets, and provision of off-street parking; arterial improvements (Alt. 3)
- Move location of truck scale/inspection facility north of I-405 and retain the Willow Street interchange (Alt. 4)
- Defined operating and occupancy assumptions for proposed HOV lanes (Alt. 5, 11,12)

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- Expand the description of the profile assumption for elevated truckway facility to allow for consideration of other profile options such as barrier-separated, at-grade truck lanes in addition to the elevated option (Alt. 9)
- Clarify assumptions and description of land use strategies, goods movement improvements (Alt. 2, 10).
- Add a new alternative that includes an elevated HOV facility (Alt. 11).
- Add more direct HOV connectors to the High HOV Alternative (Alt. 11).
- Add a new alternative that includes both HOV and additional mixed flow lanes.

**B. Discussion and Adoption of the Initial Set of Alternatives**

Dave Levinsohn initiated discussion of the Initial Set of Alternatives. He said that the TAC must reach a consensus recommendation on the Initial Set today so that the alternatives can be revised and mailed out to the Oversight Policy Committee prior to their meeting, which is scheduled for February 28, 2002.

After several questions on the initial set of alternatives and how they would be screened, along with discussion on some of the elements of the various alternatives, the TAC agreed to an initial set of twelve alternatives, with the following modifications:

- goods movement strategy on extended gate hours would be amended to include all entities in the supply chain (Alt. 2)
- extend the HOV lane/facility further south from PCH to the split at 7<sup>th</sup> Street (Alts, 5, 11, 12)
- modify the exclusive truck facility to show a 6-lane cross section between 7<sup>th</sup> Street and SR-91 rather than an a 4-lane cross section. Between SR-91 and SR-60, the cross-section remains 4 lanes. (Alt. 9)
- modify the exclusive HOV facility to show a four-lane cross section rather than a two-lane cross section (Alt. 11)

During the discussion, the consultant team explained that just because certain elements are included in more than one alternative that does not necessarily mean that those specific improvements have a greater chance of passing the screening process.

Desi Alvarez and Steve Novotny left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

It was moved by Don Dey, seconded by Joan Wood, to include the extension of the Terminal Island Freeway to the State Route 91 Freeway in one of the alternatives. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

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AYES: Bowser, Cartwright, Dey, Pagett (for Paramount), and Wood.  
NOES: Ajawara, Aubrey, Fu, Mino, Natsuhara, Pagett (for Bell Gardens, Cudahy, and Maywood), and Quintero.  
ABSENT: Alvarado, Alvarez, Balmir, Novotny, and Wang.

Sherwood Natsuhara left the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

It was moved by Al Bowser, seconded by Joan Wood, to approve the initial set of twelve alternatives as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

Given that the timeframe between the TAC meeting and the upcoming OPC meeting was very short (approximately one week), TAC members were requested to meet with their OPC representatives to brief them individually on the initial set of alternatives before February 28, 2002.

C. Overview of the Screening Process

Julie Rush, PBQD, distributed a handout that outlined the technical screening process that would be utilized over the next two or three months to narrow the twelve alternatives down to five. There was insufficient time left at the TAC meeting to fully discuss the proposed screening methodology, but some of the key issues and activities were highlighted for the TAC members to consider once they had more time to review the handout, after the TAC meeting. It was the consensus of the TAC that the screening process will be discussed in more detail at the next TAC meeting, scheduled for March 20, 2002.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:02 p.m.