

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE I-710 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
A Meeting Held at Bateman Hall, Room 2
11331 Ernestine Avenue
Lynwood, CA
February 19, 2004**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Pagett called the meeting to order at 1:48

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Pagett, Maywood, Paramount; Victor Rollinger, Carson; Robert Zarrilli, Commerce; Augustus Ajawara, Compton; Patrick Fu, Huntington Park; Yadi Farhadi, Lynwood; Mohammad Mostahkami, South Gate; Kevin Wilson, Vernon; Maged El-Rabaa, County of Los Angeles; Kerry Cartwright, Port of Long Beach; Kanya Dorland, Port of Los Angeles; Sharas Bangalore, Caltrans; Ernest Morales, MTA; Kathryn Higgins, AQMD.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chairman Desi Alvarez, Downey; Carlos Alvarado, Bell, Cudahy; Sumire Gant, Long Beach; Alan Bowser, SCAG; Sandra Balmir, FHWA/FTA; John Oropeza, Bell Gardens.

OTHERS PRESENT: Captain Craig Klein, CHP; Hamid Bahadori, Automobile Club of Southern California; Joe Lim, City of Compton; Joe Wang, City of Lynwood; Susan Gilmore, MTA; Jack Joseph, Gateway Cities COG; Deborah Chankin, Gateway Cities COG; Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities COG; Nadene Bristow, Gateway Cities COG; Esmeralda Garcia, MIG; Angelo Logan, Member Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee.

II. Roll Call

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Cartwright led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

V. Public Comments

No one wished to speak during public comments.

VI. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Member Zarrilli, seconded by Member El-Rabaa, to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 11, 2003. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Report from MTA on its Role in the Current Study Phase

Susan Gilmore, MTA, explained that the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee and the MTA Board of Directors had put forward motions to create two levels of community participation in the I-710 study process: locally based "Tier 1" community advisory committees, and a "Tier 2" Community Advisory Committee, the latter made up of representatives from each of the tier 1 committees, as well as members from numerous stakeholder groups, including environmental, transportation, business, educational, and health interests.

B. Report from Outreach Consultants on Tier 1 Community Advisory Committee Meetings

Susan Gilmore introduced outreach consultant Esmeralda Garcia of MIG, who briefed the TAC on the tier 1 activities that had occurred to date. She distributed a chart which summarized the status of each tier 1 committee's activities.

C. Report from Gateway Cities COG Engineering Consultant on Community Engineering Consultations

Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities COG Engineering Consultant, explained that he had met with virtually all of the cities and other agencies that are part of the I-710 study. He said that the City of Long Beach had conducted a series of community-wide meetings and

that citizens' recommendations are currently being accumulated. He said that by March 18 the City would have a recommended plan for the eight plus miles of freeway in Long Beach. From there the plan will go out for additional community comments.

Mr. Wood said that he had received comments from Long Beach, Commerce, Bell Gardens, South Gate, and Lynwood regarding draft I-710 plans, and that he was expecting to receive comments from Compton and East Los Angeles in the near future. In response to all of these contributions, he will produce a draft "hybrid" plan for improvements to the freeway corridor. He said that he expected that over the next month and a half the process will evolve into a consensus plan.

Member Wilson said that he would like to be involved in discussions regarding the City of Commerce's proposed Bandini Blvd. alternative because of the impact it would have on the City of Vernon. Mr. Wood replied that as soon as he has a better understanding from Commerce as to what they would like to see he would contact the City of Vernon.

D. Report from the Chairman on the February 3, 2004, Meeting of the Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee

Chairman Pagett reported that the first meeting of the Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee was well attended and that a good discussion had occurred. Deborah Chankin, Gateway Cities COG, said that the Committee had set two or three additional meeting dates, with the next meeting to take place on February 26. Member Mostahkami said that it would be a good idea for the tier 1 committees to name alternates to their members on the tier 2 committee. Member Ajawara inquired as to why there was no representation from the Compton Creek Committee on the Tier 2 CAC. Ms. Chankin responded that the Compton Creek Committee had been nominated, but that the Oversight Policy Committee had received a list of over 50 names from which it had to choose 15 for appointment to the tier 2 committee. She said that the Compton Creek Committee could certainly be considered for additional membership by the Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee.

E. Next Steps

Member Morales said that there would be an intense month long period of meetings of the tier 1 and 2 community advisory committees. He said a key meeting would be the February 26 meeting of the Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee.

F. Next Meeting Date

Chairman Pagett suggested that scheduling the next meeting for mid-April would give the community advisory committees time to meet and come up with recommendations and for the City of Long Beach to complete its process. It was the consensus of the Technical Advisory Committee to meet again on April 15 and on April 29 at Bateman Hall, if the facility is available.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:38 p.m.