

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
May 19, 2010**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Pagett at 1:40 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, City of Paramount and City of Maywood; Jim Harris, City of Bell Gardens; Victor Rollinger, City of Carson; Alex Hamilton, City of Commerce; Phil Doudar, County of Los Angeles; Mark Christoffels, City of Long Beach; Daniel Ojeda, City of Lynwood; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of South Gate; Kevin Wilson, City of Vernon; Jolene Hayes, POLB; Ernest Morales, MTA; Mario Gutierrez, Caltrans; Susan Nakamura, SCAQMD; Garry Garrigue, SCE.

ABSENT: Carlos Alvarado, City of Bell and City of Cudahy; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Charlie Honeycutt, City of Signal Hill; Dave Hewitt, City of Compton; Patrick Fu, City of Huntington Park; Ron Kosinski, Caltrans; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; John Doherty, ACTA; Michelle Noch, FHWA & FTA; Tommi Tyler, CHP; Philip Law, SCAG; Mark Sedlacek, LADWP.

Other attendees included: Ernesto Chavez, MTA; Adrian Alvarez, MTA; Jack Waldron, URS; Rob McCann LSA; Pat McLaughlin, MIG; Jocelyn Vivar, East Yards Communities for Environmental Justice; Jerry Wood, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Dan Weddell, WKE; John Mc Grath, Dragados USA.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Pagett.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Victor Rollinger, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 21, 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Reports

Status Reports on I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS

A. Engineering Report

Jack Waldron of URS provided a power point presentation on the status of the project and for the engineering assignments. He reviewed the schedule, recently completed tasks, current tasks and provided a 3-month look ahead. He also briefly reviewed the status of the revised traffic modeling

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

B. Report on I-710 Early Action Projects

Jerry Wood reviewed the forms for selection for Early Action Projects that had previously been distributed. Mark Christoffels and Ernest Morales suggested some additional revisions to the project forms. Ernest Morales asked what the time frame for submitting projects is. Jerry Wood said the goal is to finalize the list of projects early next year. Ernest Morales said he would like to have some projects, such as sound walls, included in the MTA's upcoming fiscal year budget.

The TAC discussed possible early action projects and the consensus was that permanent sound walls be recommended to the Project Committee for early action. The TAC requested maps showing preliminary sound wall locations for further consideration. The TAC also requested an estimate for the costs for these sound walls.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Ernest Morales, to receive and file the report and to modify the early action project forms and distribute to the TAC.

It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Mohammad Mostahkami, to move forward with one project for the construction

of sound walls in seven locations. Ernest Morales suggested not taking action right now, but to give it some thought. Alex Hamilton said he was not objecting, but was not ready to make a decision right now. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn. It was the consensus of the TAC to hold this item over to the next meeting.

C. Status Report Los Angeles County 30/10 Initiative

Jerry Wood and Ernest Morales briefed the TAC on the MTA board motion to proceed with a 30/10 Initiative to see if the Measure R projects (for both transit and highways) could be completed in 10 years instead of 30 years using new approaches with the federal government.

It was moved by Jim Harris, seconded by Daniel Ojeda, to receive and file the report. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Environmental Report for the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS

Rob McCann of LSA gave a power point presentation that reviewed the status of the environmental work, draft studies completed to date, draft studies still to be completed, and a three-month look ahead.

It was the consensus of the TAC that presentations of the technical studies for the following be presented at the next meeting:

1. Air Quality/Health Risk Assessment
2. Community Impact Assessment
3. Draft Relocation Impact Report
4. Noise Impact Report

It was the consensus of the TAC that executive summaries of all the technical studies be prepared and be presented at the next meeting or as soon as possible.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Ernest Morales, to receive and file the report and to direct LSA to present the above listed reports and the executive summaries in more detail. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Community Participation Report for the I-710 Corridor Project EIREIS

Pat McLaughlin of MIG gave a power point presentation that reviewed the status of the community participation process and a discussion of the proposed community open houses. She reported that the community open houses would not be held until later in the summer. The report included a summary of the various community meetings, topics discussed, and topics for upcoming meetings with a three-month look ahead. Ernest Morales said that MTA and the Gateway Cities COG are really committed to raising the bar substantially on the freeway aesthetics.

It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Jim Harris, to receive and file the report. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Report on Air Quality Action Plan

Adrian Alvarez of MTA briefed the TAC on the status of the Air Quality Action Plan, saying that a consultant should have a contract by the beginning of next month and that the consultant should be able to make a presentation on the project at the next TAC meeting. He said the scope of work reflects the communities' input. Mark Christoffels asked what the schedule for the project is. Jerry Wood responded that it is expected to take about 15 months, but most of the heavy work should be completed within 12 months.

It was moved Jolene Hayes, seconded by Jim Harris, to receive and file the report. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Comments from Committee Members

There were no comments from Committee members.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:20 PM