

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
June 16, 2010**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Pagett at 1:42 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; Dave Hewitt, City of Compton; Mark Christoffels, City of Long Beach; Daniel Ojeda, City of Lynwood; Charlie Honeycutt, City of Signal Hill; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of South Gate; Abdi Saghafi, Caltrans; Adrian Alvarez, MTA; Jolene Hayes, POLB; Susan Nakamura, SCAQMD; Art Goodwin, ACTA; Garry Garrigue, SCE.

ABSENT: Carlos Alvarado, City of Bell and City of Cudahy; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Patrick Fu, City of Huntington Park; Kevin Wilson, City of Vernon; Phil Doudar, County of Los Angeles; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Michelle Noch, FHWA & FTA; Philip Law, SCAG; Mark Sedlacek, LADWP.

Other attendees included: Jack Waldron, URS; Dave Levinsohn, URS; Rob McCann LSA; Pat McLaughlin, MIG; Richard Powers, GCCOG; Jerry Wood, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Mario Gutierrez, Caltrans; Jocelyn Vivar, East Yards Communities for Environmental Justice.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mohammad Mostahkami led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

Richard Powers, Executive Director of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, requested that an item be added to the agenda regarding the MTA staffing of the project. It was the unanimous consensus of the TAC to add the item requested by Mr. Powers and to take it up at this time.

Mr. Powers announced that MTA Project Manager Ernest Morales had been laid off as part of budgetary cutbacks imposed by MTA. He said he was here to say that Doug Failing, MTA's Director of Highway Programs, had

asked him to relay the message that MTA is still committed to the I-710 project. In a few days, he said, MTA should have some answers regarding staffing.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Jim Harris, seconded by Victor Rollinger, to approve the minutes of May 19, 2010 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Engineering Report for the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS

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 indicated that, while the project was on schedule currently, changes at the I-5 interchange and in the cities of South Gate and Commerce, as well as questions regarding the utilities corridors, would probably delay the draft EIR/EIS from September to up to six months later.

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

B. Report on I-5/I-710 Project and Coordination

Jack Waldron briefed the TAC on the status of coordination of the I-5/I-710 project with the I-710 project. He reported that Caltrans is behind schedule on providing information for the I-710 project and that there are some revisions to the I-5 traffic model that are proceeding. He said the project team had worked with Caltrans on a geometric option and have narrowed it down enough for Caltrans to do its work to nail down the footprint. It was moved by Victor Rollinger, seconded by Daniel Ojeda, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Report on I-710 Corridor Project Environmental Studies

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 to have the executive summaries presented to the

TAC next month, more detailed studies presented at the TAC meeting in August.

It was moved by Daniel Ojeda, seconded by Mark Christoffels, to receive and file the report and direct LSA to present the executive summaries at next month's meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Report on I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Traffic Studies

Dave Levinsohn of URS reported that the status of the updated traffic studies would be presented to the TAC at the following month's meeting. He also reported that about half of the meetings had been held with city staffs to review the intersection studies and results and should be completed before the next TAC meeting. Cost estimates were reported to be available in about 6 to 8 weeks with the PSR.

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

E. Report on I-710 Early Action Projects

Jerry Wood discussed the status of the preparation of the forms by the TAC members for submittal for early action projects. He recommended that the TAC provide more time for the TAC members to complete the forms and to submit them prior to the August TAC meeting. Mohammad Mostahkami requested MTA staff to look to see if any funds have been set aside for sound walls. Sound walls were discussed as candidate projects for early action. After some discussion, it was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Mark Christoffels, to designate sound walls as a consolidated project to carry forward as an early action project with the Gateway Cities COG as the applicant agency. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Mark Christoffels, to continue the early action forms presentation to August and to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Report on I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Community Participation

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 said recent areas of focus have been geometrics and community enhancements. She reported that the community open houses would not be held until later in the summer. She said the Corridor Project brochure was now completed.

Jerry Wood reported that Devon Cichoski of MTA has moved on to the I-405 project and that Linda Bybee is currently standing in for her.

It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Daniel Ojeda, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

G. Report on Air Quality Action Plan

Adrian Alvarez of MTA briefed the TAC on the status of the Air Quality Action Plan and that ICF had been awarded the contract for this project. He said MTA had issued a limited notice to proceed, but that the contract should be wrapped up soon. He said ICF should be able to provide an overview on the project at the next TAC meeting.

Mark Christoffels asked how the AQAP schedule matches up with the EIR/EIS schedule. Jerry Wood responded that, given the delays in the EIR schedule, the timing of the AQAP should work out well.

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

H. Report on Formation of Stormwater Treatment Committee

Jerry Wood reported that he is still in the process of forming this committee and said it had been requested that the committee include Caltrans staff and staff from the Port of Long Beach.

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

VIII. Comments from Committee Members

There were no comments from Committee members.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:30 p.m.