



## I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

1:30PM – 3:30 PM

Gateway Cities Council of Government Offices  
16401 Paramount Boulevard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Paramount, CA

## AGENDA

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
  - II. **ROLL CALL – BY SELF-INTRODUCTIONS**
  - III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  - IV. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA** – This is the time and place to change the order of the agenda, delete or add any agenda item(s)
  - V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Three minutes for each speaker
  - VI. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
    - A. Approve Minutes of the June 16, 2010 and July 21, 2010 Meeting
  - VII. **REPORTS**
    - A. Status Update on I-710 Corridor Project - Oral Report by MTA  
10 Min  
**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Receive and File Report and/or Give Direction to Staff
    - B. Engineering Report on I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS – Oral Report by URS  
15 Min  
**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Receive and File Report and/or Give Direction to Staff.
    - C. Report on I-5/I-710 Project and Coordination – Oral Report by LSA  
15 Min  
**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Receive and File Report and/or Give Direction to Staff.
    - D. Environmental Studies Report on the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS – Oral Report by LSA  
5 Min  
**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Receive and File Report and/or Give Direction to Staff.

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June 16, 2010 and July 21, 2010

15 Min

E. I-710 Early Action Projects Update – Oral Report by COG

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Receive and File Report and/or Give Direction to Staff.

10 Min

F. Community Participation Report on I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS – Oral Report by MIG

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Receive and File Report and/or Give Direction to Staff.

15 Min

G. Report on Air Quality Action Plan – Oral Report by MTA

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Receive and File Report and/or Give Direction to Staff.

5 Min

H. Update on ITS Implementation Plan – Oral Report

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Receive and File Report and/or Give Direction to Staff.

5 Min

I. Status Update on SCAG Goods Movement Study – Oral Report

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Receive and File Report and/or Give Direction to Staff.

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J. Status Report on CalStart Zero Emission Vehicle Project – Oral Report

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Receive and File Report and/or Give Direction to Staff.

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K. Report on P3 Study for Freight Corridor – Oral Report by MTA

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Receive and File Report and/or Give Direction to Staff.

10 Min

L. Cooperative Agreement for Maintenance of Aesthetic Features Being Proposed – Oral Report by Caltrans

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Receive and File Report and/or Give Direction to Staff.

**VIII. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE GATEWAY CITIES COG OFFICE AT (562) 663-6850. NOTIFICATION 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING WILL ENABLE THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENT TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.

## **VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **Item A.**

Minutes of June 16, 2010 and July 21, 2010

**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.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA  
July 21, 2010**

**X. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Pagett at 1:38 p.m.

**XI. Roll Call**

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, City of Paramount; Jim Harris, City of Bell Gardens; Victor Rollinger, City of Carson; Mark Christoffels, City of Long Beach; Daniel Ojeda, City of Lynwood; Charlie Honeycutt, City of Signal Hill; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of South Gate; Kevin Wilson, City of Vernon; Phil Doudar, County of Los Angeles; Garrett Damrath, Caltrans; Adrian Alvarez, MTA; Eric Shen, POLB; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Garry Garrigue, SCE.

ABSENT: Carlos Alvarado, City of Bell, City of Cudahy and City of Maywood; Bob Zarrilli, City of Commerce; Dave Hewitt, City of Compton; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Patrick Fu, City of Huntington Park; Michelle Noch, FHWA & FTA; Tommi Tyler, CHP; Philip Law, SCAG; Peter Greenwald, SCAQMD; John Doherty, ACTA; Mark Sedlacek, LADWP.

Other attendees included: Abdi Saghafi, Caltrans; Mario Gutierrez, Caltrans; Alan Hicks, USDOT; Jocelyn Vivar, East Yards Communities for Environmental Justice; Jack Waldron, URS; Dave Levinsohn, URS; Rob McCann LSA; Esmeralda Garcia, MIG; Scott Broen, ICF; Craig Bijon, Gruen and Associates; Gill Hicks, Gill V. Hicks and Associates; Lan Saadertnejadi, HDR; Jerry Wood, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG;

**XII. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Pagett.

**XIII. Amendments to the Agenda**

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Jim Harris, to add to the agenda a presentation by Gill V. Hicks on the SCAG Goods Movement Study. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **XIV. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

#### **XV. Consent Calendar**

The consent calendar was deferred by consensus to the next TAC meeting.

#### **XVI. Reports**

It was the consensus of the TAC to move Item I to the front of the agenda items under reports.

##### **I. Report on Project Changes**

Adrian Alvarez of MTA reviewed the current status and issues that are affecting the I-710 project. He said these include geometric changes at the north end in Commerce and at Patata Street in South Gate; freight corridor utility interface issues with DWP and SCE; revising the traffic model with higher truck throughputs in the freight corridor; possible tolling alternative development; and the delay caused by not receiving the information from Caltrans on the I-5/I-710 interchange. The potential impacts of possible gate changes at the Hobart Yard were also discussed as impacting the project.

Mark Christoffels inquired as to the magnitude of the changes. Mr. Alvarez responded that the potential order of magnitude of the cost increase for all of these changes is estimated to be in the range of three to four million dollars. Mr. Alvarez said that there would be about an additional eleven months added to the time schedule of the project to make these changes.

Mark Christoffels asked where the additional funding would come from. Mr. Alvarez said that the Project Committee would have to first make its own recommendation to the Executive Committee, which, in turn, would transmit its recommendation to the MTA Board, which would make the final determination, including the funding. Jerry Wood said a major problem is the higher truck volumes that came out of the traffic modeling results and the reliance on the SCAG model at the start of the project. He said that they would need to go back and negotiate with the consultant team.

Kevin Wilson asked when it will be known whether the utility rights-of-way will be able to be used. Jerry Wood responded that discussions with the utilities had not yet been entered into. Chairman Pagett said that the cities would like to know from where MTA will take the dollars to fund the additional work.

It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Victor Rollinger, to acknowledge the need for the additional studies if funding can be achieved, to continue with determining the costs and impacts to the schedule and funding implications, and that the tolling study be limited to the freight corridor. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **A. Engineering Report for the I-710 Corridor 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, and current tasks, and provided a 3-month look ahead. He indicated that there were changes in the project that would extend the project's schedule.

It was moved by Daniel Ojeda, 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**

Rob McCann of LSA briefed the TAC on the status of coordination of the I-5/I-710 intersection project with the I-710 corridor project. He reported that Caltrans is behind schedule on providing information for the I-710 project, but that coordination is continuing and they are still waiting on information from Caltrans.

It was moved by Phil Doudar, seconded by Kerry Cartwright, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **C. Report on I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS 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 to present the executive summaries and more detailed studies (AQ/HRA) at the subsequent TAC meeting.

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

#### **D. Report on I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Traffic Modal Results**

Dave Levinsohn of URS reported that the status of the updated traffic studies were completed and provided an overview. He also reported that the meetings had been completed with city staffs to review the intersection studies and results. Mr. Levinsohn said the conclusion is that there are

decisions that can accommodate the higher levels of traffic than what the models show.

Phil Doudar asked that information and rationale be provided at the subsequent TAC meeting on how the 300 vehicles per lane (1500 trucks per lane) will work. Mr. Levinsohn responded that URS will provide that information.

It was moved by Jim Harris, seconded by Victor Rollinger, 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. It was the consensus to extend the time frame for the TAC members to complete the forms and submit them to the September TAC meeting. Mark Christoffels asked if the delay would threaten Measure R funding. Adrian Alvarez responded that he does not believe it is an issue. MTA staff was requested to report at the next TAC meeting if there was any urgency for completing this task.

It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Daniel Ojeda, to extend the due date for early action project forms to September and to ask MTA to give a report next month on the status of Measure R funding. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Esmeralda Garcia 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 the focus of the community meetings is on geometrics, community enhancements, and community information and education. Her report included a summary of the various community meetings, topics discussed, topics for upcoming meetings, and a three-month look ahead.

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

#### **G. Report on Air Quality Action Plan**

Scott Broen of ICF gave a power point presentation and overview of the Air Quality Action Plan project that was just being initiated. Adrian Alvarez gave some background on the funding for the project and recognized Jerry Wood and Karen Heit of the Gateway Cities COG for their help in securing funding.

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

#### **H. Urban Design Concepts Presentation**

Craig Bijon of Gruen and Associates gave a power point presentation and overview of the aesthetic treatment concepts and ideas that are evolving for the I-710 project.

Jim Harris asked if they had considered the problem of graffiti. Mr. Bijon responded that the incorporation of greening and screens are intended to mitigate this issue. Adrian Alvarez said they also have to consider that some of these designs may not meet what Caltrans allows.

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

#### **Report on SCAG Goods Movement Study**

Gill V. Hicks of Gill V. Hicks and Associates gave a brief presentation to the TAC on the goods movement study that his firm is engaged in on behalf of SCAG. He said that there will be coordination with the I-710 project as the study proceeds.

It was the consensus of the TAC to receive and file the report.

#### **XVII. Comments from Committee Members**

There were no comments from Committee members.

#### **XVIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:45 p.m.