



I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

1:30PM – 3:30 PM

Gateway Cities Council of Government Offices

16401 Paramount Boulevard, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Paramount, CA

AGENDA

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 December 15, 2010

VII. REPORTS

15 Min A. Engineering Report on I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS- Oral Report by URS

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

15 Min B. Report on I-5/I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS – Oral Report by URS

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

5 Min C. Environmental Studies Report on the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS – Oral Report by LSA

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

5 Min D. 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.

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

1. Update and discussion of status of forms for other projects and schedule for submittal by COG
2. Recommendation for sending sound walls to I-710 Project Committee for concurrence as first early action projects

SUGGESTED ACTION: 1. Receive and File Report on status of forms for other projects and schedule for submittal and/or give direction to staff; 2. Receive and file sound wall report and recommend sending sound walls to I-710 Project Committee for concurrence as first early action projects and/or give direction to staff.

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F. Report on Air Quality Action Plan – Oral Report by ICF

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

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G. Status of Other Related Projects – Oral Report

1. ITS Implementation Plan
2. I-710 South Utility Relocation Plan
3. I-710 North Utility Relocation Plan
4. Cal Start Zero Emission Vehicle Project
5. I-710 P3 Freight Corridor Study

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.
December 15, 2010

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
December 15, 2010**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Pagett at 1:43 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, City of Paramount and City of Maywood; Victor Rollinger, City of Carson; Alex Hamilton, City of Commerce; Mark Christoffels, City of Long Beach; Daniel Ojeda, City of Lynwood; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of South Gate; Kevin Wilson, City of Vernon; James Yang, County of Los Angeles; Abdi Saghafi, Caltrans; Doug Failing, MTA; Jolene Hayes, POLB; Allison Linder, SCAG; Susan Nakamura, SCAQMD; Art Goodwin, ACTA (ex officio); Connie Turner, SCE (ex officio).

ABSENT: Carlos Alvarado, City of Bell and City of Cudahy; John Oropeza, City of Bell Gardens; Wendell Johnson, City of Compton; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Patrick Fu, City of Huntington Park; Charlie Honeycutt, City of Signal Hill; Michelle Noch, FHWA & FTA; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Tommi Tyler, CHP; Mark Sedlacek, LADWP (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Mario Gutierrez, Caltrans; Carlos Barriontos, Caltrans; Ed Siribehda, Caltrans; Ernesto Chaves, MTA; Adrian Alvarez, MTA; Alex Oster, MTA; Michael Ippoliti, CALSTART; Yoga Checha, CH2M Hill; Jack Waldron, URS; Rob McCann LSA; Esmeralda Garcia, MIG; Jerry Wood, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mark Christoffels led the pledge of allegiance was held.

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 Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Bill Pagett, to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 16, 2010, and July 21, 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Status Update on I-710 Corridor Project

Doug Failing of MTA updated the TAC on the status of the project and the changes that have occurred. He reviewed the steps taken to move the project forward, including approval of the change order by the MTA board earlier in the month. He said the draft EIR is expected to be completed in one year.

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

B. Engineering Report on I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS

Jack Waldron of URS reviewed the status and revised schedule for the project. An updated schedule was distributed and reviewed. The project is now intended to circulate a draft document at the end of 2011, with an expectation of approval of the CEQA (NOD) and NEPA (ROD) by the end of 2012. Mr. Waldron reported that some work had proceeded to update the geometric plans at a few locations and discussed upcoming meetings to review those updated plans. It is anticipated that the updated geometric plans will be finalized by March of 2011.

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

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

Rob McCann of LSA reviewed the status of this study and gave a brief PowerPoint presentation. He reported that Caltrans is finalizing the design for the northern segment (Segment 7) and expected to present that to the community groups at the north end in the next few months. Coordination of studies from this segment by Caltrans is expected to occur the first quarter of 2011.

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

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

Rob McCann of LSA gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the environmental studies. Work on environmental studies is expected to begin once the updated geometric plans are approved. This should begin sometime in April, 2011.

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

E. I-710 Early Action Projects Update

Jerry Wood briefed the TAC on the status of the early action projects. The TAC members discussed proceeding with the sound wall in the City of South Gate as well as the sound walls for the remainder of the project. It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Mohammad Mostahkami, that staff put together a plan for approval at next month's meeting which would be forwarded to the I-710 Project Committee for concurrence. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

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

Esmeralda Garcia of MIG gave a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the community participation activities and schedule. She said not much activity has been taking place recently, but more community meetings are being planned to begin next year as the project starts up again.

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

G. Report on Air Quality Action Plan

Adrian Alvarez of MTA gave a brief presentation on the status of the AQAP, saying that to date the consultants primarily have been working on collecting data. He said that the kick-off meeting should be held in January and a schedule will be provided at the next TAC meeting.

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

H. Update on ITS Implementation Plan

Ernesto Chaves of MTA gave a brief presentation on the status of the ITS Implementation Plan. He said bids had come in the day before and that he expected to go before the MTA Board in February or March for award of a contract.

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

I. Status Update on SCAG Goods Movement Study

Alison Linder of SCAG provided an overview for this project. She said a recent steering committee had been held, but that they haven't finalized any alignments for an east-west goods movement corridor. The goal is an alignment that would serve the largest number of trucks. She said the project consultants are presently doing a market analysis, and studying warehouse locations and physical restraints. Kevin Wilson asked if there has been coordination with the California High Speed Rail Authority. Ms. Linder said that there has been coordination.

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

J. Status Report on CALSTART Zero Emission Vehicle Project

Michael Ippoliti of CALSTART provided a status report on this study. He said they are conducting technology interviews with potential suppliers. They are pushing to see that trucks are available before the corridor is ready. He said there is an ongoing study of readiness and obstacles. He said they will be setting up working groups and an event is being planned for mid-February. Susan Nakamura asked who can be included on a working group. Mr. Ippoliti said they are still working with MTA on the structure. Alison Linder asked the work on the structure will be done. Mr. Ippoliti responded that it should be completed in approximately three months.

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

K. Report on P3 Study report for Freight Corridor

Ernesto Chaves of MTA gave a brief status report for this project. He said the intent is to have a tolling alternative in the draft EIR. Tolling is being evaluated and a time line for presentation should be presented in the next few months. Work on this study is proceeding with input from Gateway

cities and the funding partners. Meetings to review this will be scheduled in the near future. He said the P3 study should be completed in three months.

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

L. Cooperative Agreement for Maintenance of Aesthetic Features Being Proposed.

Abdi Saghafi of Caltrans gave a short presentation on the need for a cooperative agreement. He pointed out that some of the aesthetic ideas may be difficult to maintain so Caltrans will be working with MTA on a letter of concurrence at this conceptual level and provide that input to Gruen. He said agreements need to include a provision as to which party will maintain the aesthetic treatments in perpetuity.

It was moved by Victor Rollinger, seconded by Daniel Ojeda, 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 3:01 p.m.