

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
January 19, 2011**

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, Chair, City of Paramount and City of Maywood; Steve Hilton, City of Bell Gardens; Victor Rollinger, City of Carson; Alex Hamilton, City of Commerce; Wendell Johnson, 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; Kevin Wilson, City of Vernon; Garrett Damrath, Caltrans; Ernesto Chaves, MTA; Jolene Hayes, POLB; Susan Nakamura, SCAQMD; Garry Garrigue, SCE (ex officio).

ABSENT: Carlos Alvarado, City of Bell and City of Cudahy; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Wes Lind, City of Huntington Park; James Yang, County of Los Angeles; Michelle Noch, FHWA & FTA; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Tommi Tyler, CHP; Phillip Law, SCAG; John Doherty, ACTA (ex officio); Mark Sedlacek, LADWP (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Abdi Saghafi, Caltrans; Adrian Alvarez, Metro; Tom Melendrez, City of Montebello; Jack Waldron, URS; Rob McCann LSA; Esmeralda Garcia, MIG; Jerry Wood, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Tom Ionta, CH2MHill; Rubina Chandhary, MARSS; J. D. Douglas, Infra Consulting.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Kevin Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Mark Christoffels, to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 15, 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Reports

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

Jack Waldron of URS reviewed the status and revised schedule for the project and gave a brief PowerPoint presentation. He said the schedule had been delayed again and that the draft EIR/EIS is expected to be completed in the fall of this year. He said there has been continued development of geometric alternatives; reviews of multiple design variations are ongoing.

Kevin Wilson asked if BNSF had many comments on the proposed alignment in the north. Mr. Waldron responded that BNSF wants the impacts on its operations mitigated.

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

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

Rob McCann of LSA reviewed the status of this study and gave a short PowerPoint presentation. He said Caltrans is finalizing the design and technical studies for the segment from Washington Blvd. to SR-60.

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

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

Rob McCann of LSA provided a short Power Point presentation on the status of these studies. He said they had continued to work on an update to the description of alternatives, had submitted a final biological assessment to Caltrans, and had submitted a final jurisdictional waters determination report to Caltrans.

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

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

Esmeralda Garcia of MIG presented a brief report and PowerPoint for review. She said they would be working with the technical working groups over the next few months, especially regarding the north end of the project.

It was moved by Victor Rollinger, seconded by Mohammad Mostahkami, 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 this effort. It was the consensus of the TAC to send them out the forms again with the arterial highway cost information from URS so that the TAC members could begin to develop them. It was the consensus of the TAC that the submittals of these forms would be in the time frame of May or June so that early action projects could be presented to the Project Committee in September.

It was moved by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Victor Rollinger, to designate MTA, Caltrans and the COG to evaluate early action project submittals, the forms for which should be submitted by May, and that this committee would meet and publish selection criteria and procedures. The motion was approved unanimously

Jerry Wood also discussed the status of previous TAC actions to proceed with the sound walls as early action projects. He reviewed the location figures and analysis for possible sound wall locations that could be built "early" and reviewed his criteria used to develop the list. He said this list of about 5 to 5.5 miles for these early action sound walls was based on locations already identified by Caltrans. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the TAC decided to include the sound wall proposed in South Gate just south of Southern Ave. with the other sound walls to be studied in the feasibility study.

After further discussion, it was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Victor Rollinger, to recommend that the Project Committee make a request to the MTA to hire a consultant to do a feasibility study as an "early action" project to determine where sound walls could be constructed as early action projects and to work with a subcommittee to be formed.

Mohammad Mostahkami offered an amendment to the motion that the South Gate sound wall be designated as the first priority project. The amendment was accepted by the maker and second of the motion.

Ernesto Chaves offered an amendment to the motion that the consultant also be authorized to prepare options for final design. The amendment was accepted by the maker and second of the motion.

The motion as amended was approved unanimously.

Chairman Pagett asked for volunteers to serve on the subcommittee that would work with the consultant on the sound wall projects. The cities of Lynwood, South Gate, Commerce, Long Beach, Bell Gardens, and Compton were nominated to serve on the subcommittee.

It was moved by Chairman Pagett, seconded by Mark Christoffels, to appoint the representatives from the cities of Lynwood, South Gate, Commerce, Long Beach, Bell Gardens, and Compton to the subcommittee to review the scope of work for the consultant and subsequent material and to work with the consultant to review the study and make recommendations to the I-710 TAC, I-710 Project Committee and MTA. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Report on Air Quality Action Plan

Adrian Alvarez, MTA, presented a status report on the Air Quality Action Plan. He said the intent is to build on other related projects and air quality improvements in the subregion. He said tasks will be included in the project that go above and beyond the EIR/EIS. Mr. Alvarez summarized the timetable for the study.

Chairman Pagett said that things that come out of the Air Quality Action Plan can be incorporated into the final design of I-710.

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

G. Status of Other Related Projects

Ernesto Chaves summarized other ongoing projects. He said interviews would be held tomorrow regarding consultant proposals for the ITS Implementation Plan. He said the plan is to have the consultant on board by spring. He said staff would be recommending a consultant for the I-710 South Utility Relocation Plan at the February MTA Board meeting. He said the scope of work is still being developed for the I-710 North Utility Relocation Plan. Mr. Chaves said that the industry outreach process for Cal Start's Zero Emission Vehicle Project would start in February. Finally, he said the I-710 Public Private Partnership Freight Corridor Study would be ready to come back to the TAC in two to three months.

Jerry Wood reported that the SCAG Goods Movement Study is ongoing and that sometime in the next few months they will begin to make recommendations.

It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Kevin Wilson, 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 3:33 p.m.