

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA  
February 16, 2011**

**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; Steve Hilton, City of Bell Gardens; Wendell Johnson, City of Compton; Mark Christoffels, City of Long Beach; Daniel Ojeda, City of Lynwood; Adrian Alvarez, MTA; Daniel Ojeda, City of Lynwood; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of South Gate; James Yang, County of Los Angeles; Garrett Damrath, Caltrans; Ernesto Chavez, MTA; Jolene Hayes, Port of Long Beach; Kerry Cartwright, Port of Los Angeles; Alison Linder, SCAG; Susan Nakamura, SCAQMD; Alex Pugh, Southern California Edison Company (ex officio).

**ABSENT:** Carlos Alvarado, City of Bell and City of Cudahy; Victor Rollinger, City of Carson; Alex Hamilton, City of Commerce; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Wes Lind, City of Huntington Park; Charlie Honeycutt, City of Signal Hill; Kevin Wilson, City of Vernon; Michelle Noch, FHWA & FTA; Tommi Tyler, CHP; John Doherty, ACTA (ex officio); Mark Sedlacek, LADWP (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Abdi Saghafi, Caltrans; Dan Dunn, Caltrans; Adrian Alvarez, MTA; Jerry Wood, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Shannon Willits, URS; Rob McCann LSA; Esmeralda Garcia, MIG; Tom Ionta, CH2MHill; Rubina Chandhary, MARSS; Wayne Richardson, MARRS; Bruce Schmith, HNTB; Jocelyn Vivar, East Yards Communities for Environmental Justice.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Daniel Ojeda.

**IV. Amendments to the Agenda**

Jerry Wood indicated that a representative from Caltrans was present and would like to make a presentation regarding Caltrans' right-of-way acquisition process. It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Daniel

Ojeda, to add the presentation by Caltrans on right-of-way acquisition to the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

**V. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**VI. Matters from Staff**

There were no matters from staff.

**VII. Consent Calendar**

It was moved by Steve Hilton, seconded by Wendell Johnson, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously.

**VIII. Reports**

Abdi Saghafi introduced Dan Dunn of Caltrans, who gave a short presentation on the process and rules for the possible procurement of property prior to environmental approval, which is defined as "hardship acquisition". Mr. Dunn said any acquisition has to follow the Caltrans Local Programs Manual. He said hardship acquisition can only apply to property that would be otherwise developed immediately and must save money. He said these types of acquisitions are rarely approved by the federal agencies. Mr. Dunn reviewed and handed out sections of the Caltrans R/W manual and covered that material.

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

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

Shannon Willits of URS and Esmeralda Garcia of MIG reviewed the status and revised schedule for the project and gave brief PowerPoint presentations on the engineering status and community participation status. Mr. Willits said that a lot had transpired since last month in meetings with various stakeholders. He said work is beginning again to bring the technical reports up to the stage they were before the geometric changes were made. It was the consensus of the TAC to receive and file the report.

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

Rob McCann of LSA reviewed the status of this study and presented a short PowerPoint. It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Wendell Johnson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **C. I-710 Early Action Projects Update**

Jerry Wood updated and discussed the status of the early action forms to be submitted for additional projects. It was the consensus of the TAC to re-send the forms to all of the TAC members and to set a tentative date for submitting those forms in a May/June timeframe to be finalized at a later date. It was the consensus of the TAC for the COG, MTA and Caltrans to form a selection committee and finalize the selection criteria and process.

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

Mark Christoffels of Long Beach represented the TAC sound wall subcommittee and reported that they had reviewed the draft scope of work and recommended to the TAC to proceed with that scope of work and ask MTA to proceed with an RFP.

Ernesto Chaves of MTA briefed the TAC on the status of the RFP for the sound walls. He informed the TAC that the Project Committee had concurred with the TAC's recommendations to proceed with sound walls for "early action". In response to a question from Mark Christoffels, he said MTA will probably end up doing a full RFP. He said it would probably be another month before the RFP is released and that a consultant should be on board in five or six months following the procurement process.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Daniel Ojeda, to concur with the TAC subcommittee recommendations to proceed with the scope of work on the sound walls; that the TAC subcommittee would also review the proposals; and that one member of that subcommittee would represent the TAC on the interview panel along with Jerry Wood of the COG, Ernesto Chaves of MTA, and Abdi Saghafi of Caltrans. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Adrian Alvarez of MTA provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on

the status of the Air Quality Action Plan. He said work is expected to proceed during the month of February. It was moved by Wendell Johnson, seconded by Daniel Ojeda, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

**E. Status of Other Related Projects**

Jerry Wood reported that Caltrans had selected a consultant for the ITS Implementation Plan. Ernesto Chaves said the I-710 south utility relocation plan would go to the MTA Board in March, with work beginning in April for a period of eighteen months. Mr. Chaves said the I-710 north utility plan is a few months behind and may be split into two portions. He said CALSTART is continuing to work on their research project regarding zero emission vehicles. Mr. Chaves said work is proceeding on the public private partnership study.

Jerry Wood said the SCAG Goods Movement Study is focused on trying to find the best east/west alignment for a freight corridor. He reported that the Pacific Electric/West Santa Ana Branch study is ongoing and that it may have an impact on the I-710 project.

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

**IX. Comments from Committee Members**

Chairman Pagett asked Jerry Wood to give a brief recap of the Project Committee meeting. Mr. Wood said the big item was the approval of the sound wall projects.

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:06 p.m.