

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Pagett at 1:37 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, City of Paramount and City of Maywood, Chair; Steve Hilton, City of Bell Gardens; Farrokh Abolfathi, 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; James Yang, County of Los Angeles; Ron Kosinski, Caltrans; Adrian Alvarez, MTA; Jolene Hayes, POLB; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Susan Nakamura, SCAQMD; Art Goodwin, ACTA (ex officio); 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; Michelle Noch, FHWA & FTA; Tommi Tyler, CHP; Phillip Law, SCAG; Mark Sedlacek, LADWP (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Lucy Olmos, MTA; Jerry Wood, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Dave Levinsohn, URS; Rob McCann LSA; Esmeralda Garcia, MIG; Tom Ionta, CH2MHill; Juan Carlos Velasquez, CH2MHill; Rubina Chandhary, MARRS; Wayne Richardson, MARRS; Bruce Schmith, HNTB; JD Douglas, InfraConsult; Robert Garin, InfraConsult Steve Huff, RBF Consulting; Jocelyn Vivar, EYCEJ.

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. Matters from Staff

There were no matters from staff.

VII. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Mohammad Mostahkami, to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Reports

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

Dave Levinsohn of URS presented a description of the I-710 Corridor Project Alternatives for a review by the TAC members. He said the project team is very busy again. In the March-April period they will complete the geometric refinements for alternatives 6a and 6b and the associated technology studies.

Mohammad Mostahkami asked if the geometric changes have been shared yet with the Community Advisory Committee. Jerry Wood responded that they have been shared with the local advisory committees, but not yet with the CAC.

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

Dave Levinsohn of URS gave a short power point presentation on the engineering status for the project. He discussed the revised schedule and the status of the updated geometric plans. He said meetings will be held with TAC members from the affected cities for each segment sometime in April and May to review the updated geometric plans in detail.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Daniel Ojeda, to receive and file reports A and B. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Rob McCann of LSA made a short presentation on the status of the associated environmental studies for the I-710 project. He reported minimal progress waiting on the updated engineering reports from URS.

D. Environmental Studies Report on I-5 EIR/EIS for the I-5/I-710

interchange

Rob McCann of LSA made a short power point presentation regarding the I-5 EIR/EIS and the coordination for Segment 7 for the I-710 EIR/EIS for the I-5/I-710 interchange. He reported that Caltrans is in the process of providing the information from this other project to be used for the I-710 EIR/EIS. He said URS is designing the project from Long Beach to Washington Blvd., but Caltrans is designing the project north to SR-60 because of the I-5 project.

It was moved by Kevin Wilson, seconded by Charlie Honeycutt, to receive and file the reports C and D. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Esmeralda Garcia of MIG gave a short power point presentation on the recent community meetings. Jerry Wood asked if there would be an updated newsletter issued soon. Ms. Garcia responded that a newsletter would be issued in a few weeks. Mohammad Mostahkami said that he would like an updated meeting schedule distributed to the TAC.

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

F. I-710 Early Action Projects Update

Adrian Alvarez briefed the TAC on the RFP for the sound wall feasibility study. He said he would have a better sense of the release date next month.

Jerry Wood recommended that the TAC appoint members to a review team for the RFP for the two utility studies. Mark Christoffels, Daniel Ojeda, and Kevin Wilson volunteered to serve on the review team. It was the consensus of the TAC to form a sub-committee of those three TAC members to review the proposals for the central and north utility relocation projects. A member from this sub-committee will represent the TAC on the selection panel.

It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Charlie Honeycutt,

to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

G. Air Quality Action Plan Report

Adrian Alvarez of MTA gave a power point presentation on this project. He reported the status and that a Fact Sheet and FAQ sheet should be available next month. He reported that the COG Board of Directors had approved the participation framework and that the consultants and MTA were proceeding with populating the various groups and committees. He said the working groups should be populated in April and the technical and advisory groups in May or June.

Wendell Johnson volunteered to serve as the TAC representative for the AQAP technical roundtable. Mark Christoffels volunteered to serve as the TAC alternate. It was moved by Kerry Cartwright, seconded by Kevin Wilson, to appoint Wendell Johnson as the representative and Mark Christoffels as the alternate to the AQAP technical roundtable. The motion was approved unanimously.

H. Public/Private Partnership (P3 Study) Presentation

Dave Levinsohn of URS said that a public/private partnership (P3) tolling option was studied as a potential alternative to go with alternatives 6A and 6B. JD Douglas of InfraConsult gave a power point on the preliminary results and recommendations from the P3 Study about a potential tolling alternative that could be added as an alternative for the I-710 EIR/EIS for either or both the freight corridor or the general purpose lanes. Dave Levinsohn said that the tolling option would be a new Alternative 6C with respect to the I-710 EIR/EIS alternatives.

It was moved by Kerry Cartwright, seconded by Mark Christoffels, to recommend to the I-710 Project Committee that Alternative 6C as a tolling option for the freight corridor only be included in the I-710 Corridor EIR/EIS. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

I. SR-91/I-605/I-405 – I-605 Congestion Hot Spots Feasibility Study Transportation Strategic Plan Presentation

Steve Huff of RBF gave a power point presentation on this project,

which is being funded out of Measure R. He identified the project team and delivery schedule approach. He said they will complete traffic counts this month and initiate the data collection and prepare aerial photo base maps.

After some discussion it was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Kevin Wilson, to provide participation from the I-710 cities for this other project and to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

J. Gateway Cities COG Engineer Report

Jerry Wood reported on his impressions from the Green Truck Summit that he attended in Indianapolis and that there was a lot of development of different types of “green” trucks. He also reported that CALSTART should be submitting their report on assessing the status of the various technologies for these green trucks and that it should be available soon. He also reported that the ITS Implementation Plan for Goods Movement was moving forward with a consultant selected and was expecting that project to start in a few months.

Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

There were no matters from Committee members.

X. Matters from the Chair

There were no matters from the Chair.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:35 p.m.