

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA  
May 18, 2011**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Pagett at 1:41 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, City of Paramount and City of Maywood; Steve Hilton, City of Bell Gardens; Victor Rollinger, City of Carson; Alex Hamilton, City of Commerce; 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; Abdi Saghafi, Caltrans; Ernesto Chaves, 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; Wendell Johnson, City of Compton; 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: Hany Henein, City of South Gate; Hamid Toossi, Caltrans; Mario Gutierrez, Caltrans; Adrian Alvarez, MTA; Danielle Valentine, MTA; Lucy Olmos, MTA; Ivan Carrillo, Office of Assemblyman Ricardo Lara; Jeff Woods, Montebello Unified School District; Alan Hicks, USDOT; Jack Waldron, URS; Shannon Willits, URS; Dave Levinsohn, URS; Rob McCann LSA; Esmeralda Garcia, MIG; J. D. Douglas, InfraConsult; Wayne Richardson, MARRS; Ayman Salama, TRC; Hans Korve, Pragados; Arief Naftali, Advantec; Emile Gardner, Lexicon Building Systems; Jocelyn Vivar, EYCEJ; Jerry Wood, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry Wood.

**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 Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Mark Christoffels, to approve the minutes of March 16, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **VIII. Reports**

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

Jack Waldron of URS gave a brief summary and update of the project. He introduced Shannon Willits of URS who gave a presentation on the geometric plans. He said the latest geometric plans will be available on the FTP site the following week. He reviewed the general changes to the geometric plans that have occurred the last few months. URS will be setting up meetings with each city to go over the proposed arterial highway improvements.

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

### **B. 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 in that he was waiting on the updated engineering reports from URS. However, he did report that they are now beginning to proceed with environmental work for the project.

### **C. 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 on 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 has provided most of the information from this other project to be used for the I-710 EIR/EIS. The status of the traffic study prepared for I-5 was discussed but he said its status was unclear.

It was moved by Kevin Wilson, seconded by Daniel Ojeda, to receive and file reports B and C. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Esmeralda Garcia of MIG gave a short power point presentation on the few recent community meetings. It was reported that the newsletter should be available this summer.

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

E. I-710 Early Action Projects Update

Jerry Wood reported that the early action forms will be re-packaged for an August/September time frame to begin that submittal process and that the selection committee will be formed soon.

In response to a question from Mohammad Mostahkami, Ernesto Chaves reported that there has been a month and a half delay in releasing the RFP for the sound walls. He said the RFP for the utilities study should follow by two to three weeks. He said it is now estimated that the contracts will be awarded in September.

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

F. South Bound Firestone Blvd. On-ramp – Early Action Project Report

Jerry Wood introduced Mohammad Mostahkami of South Gate, who distributed a hand-out and reviewed the proposed project and issues with it with respect to Caltrans and timing for funding and building the project. He said Caltrans cannot accept the project unless the City commits to fund the onramp in the event it is not an early action project. He said the City faces the threat of the loss of federal funds.

Hamid Toossi, Caltrans, said that he needs a more specific letter from MTA that the Firestone onramp is part of the early action projects. He said the October 2009 letter was too non-specific. Ernesto Chaves said that MTA will work with Abdi Saghafi of Caltrans on the proper text of another letter to Caltrans in support of the project as an early action project.

After discussion, it was moved by Victor Rollinger, seconded by Steve Hilton to: 1) Re-affirm the previous TAC identification of this project as an early action project; and 2) recommend to the I-710 Project Committee to proceed with this project for design and construction as an early action project as soon as possible and for MTA to proceed with an RFP and SOW. The motion was approved unanimously.

G. Air Quality Action Plan Report

Adrian Alvarez of MTA gave a PowerPoint presentation and a brief summary of the status of the AQAP project. Jerry Wood gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed construction staging concept developed for the I-710 for the AQAP based on the assumption of building the freight corridor first.

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

H. Public/Private Partnership (P3 Study) Presentation

JD Douglas of InfraConsult gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Interstate highway exception programs that would allow the trucks to be tolled on the freight corridor. Jerry Wood reported that, subsequent to the TAC action last month recommending that a tolling option on the freight corridor be considered as an additional alternative, the Community Advisory Committee had voted to recommend that a tolling option on the general purpose lanes also be considered. Jerry Wood a recent InfraConsult presentation showed how certain conditions could possibly allow for the tolling of trucks on the general purpose lanes, but that it is uncertain.

Kerry Cartwright recommended against revisiting the question of tolling on the general purpose lanes. He said it would be discriminatory to distinguish between trucks and automobiles on the general purpose lanes. Bill Pagett said tolling all vehicles would divert traffic to the arterial streets. Ernesto Chaves said that MTA is seeking a second legal opinion regarding tolling on the general purpose lanes and that it should be completed within a month.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Kevin Wilson, to continue this item until next month so that the information from MTA's legal counsel could be considered. The motion was approved unanimously.

I. Green Trucks Discussion

Jerry Wood asked that this item be continued so that CALSTART may make a presentation on the subject. It was moved by Victor Rollinger, seconded by Jolene Hayes, to continue this item to the next month's TAC meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

J. Gateway Cities COG Engineer Report

Jerry Wood reported on the 91/605/405 project status and the ITS Implementation Plan, which should be started at the beginning of June. Ernesto Chaves reported that the RFP for the sound wall projects was being released the week of the TAC meeting followed by the two RFPs for the utility studies in June.

Jerry Wood reported that a lot of material will be generated over the next few months, so the scheduling of the TAC meetings may have to be adjusted. Bill Pagett suggested that meetings could be extended to 4:30 p.m.

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

**IX. 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 3:37 p.m.