

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
July 20, 2011**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Pagett at 1:30 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; Wendell Johnson, City of Compton; Mark Christoffels, City of Long Beach; Daniel Ojeda, City of Lynwood; Adrian Alvarez, MTA; 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; Ernesto Chaves, MTA; Abdi Saghafi, Caltrans; Eric Shen, POLB; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Susan Nakamura, SCAQMD; Art Goodwin, ACTA; 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: Adrian Alvarez, MTA; Lucy Olmos, MTA; Mark Penn, MTA; Garrett Damrath, Caltrans; Mario Gutierrez, Caltrans; Christine Mercado, POLB; Amit Shah, AECOM; Pat Somerville, AECOM; Wayne Richardson, MARRS; JD Douglas, InfraConsult; Gill Hicks, Cambridge Systematics; Jack Waldron, URS; Doug Smith, URS; Rob McCann LSA; Esmeralda Garcia, MIG; Jerry Wood, GCCOG.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

There were amendments to the agenda.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Matters from Staff

There were no matters from the staff.

VII. Consent Calendar

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of June 15, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. I-710 Project Committee Meeting Oral Report by COG staff

Jerry Wood reviewed the outcomes of the Project Committee meeting on June 30 where the schedule, requested increase in review time period for the DEIR/DEIS was made, Alternatives 6C and 6D (tolling options) were presented and discussed and the SouthBound Firestone Blvd. on-ramp as an early action project was also discussed.

It was moved and seconded to receive and file the report. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dave Levinsohn of URS gave a power point that overviewed the status of the engineering for the project. He informed the TAC that many of the engineering reports will be completed in June or July and they are reinitiating the Project Report and Approval Process. The DEIR/DEIS is still on schedule for release the end of February.

It was moved and seconded to receive and file the report. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Rob McCann gave a very brief power point on the status of the environmental reports and documents and that these were being finalized and were on schedule.

It was moved and seconded to receive and file the report. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Rob McCann gave a brief power point on the status of this project, coordination with the project was being completed with the completion soon of the final technical reports and Caltrans was determining if the missing connectors could be withdrawn from further consideration.

It was moved and seconded to receive and file the report. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Esmeralda Garcia gave a brief power point of the few community participation meetings that had been held. She informed the TAC that the corridor newsletter was available.

It was moved and seconded to receive and file the report. The motion passed unanimously.

F. I-710 Early Action Project Update

An update on the status of the three utility studies was presented. Pat Sommerville of AECOM gave a brief power point on the status of the South Utility Relocation Study. The status of the soundwall project and early action project for the southbound Firestone Blvd. on-ramp were also updated for the TAC committee. Jerry Wood also discussed the upcoming MPAH for all of Gateway Cities that will combine the arterial highway improvements into one study.

It was moved and seconded to receive and file the reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Penn of MTA gave an oral report on MTA's position on the make-up of the selection panel for the soundwall project. After some discussion it was moved and seconded for the chair to send a letter to MTA objecting to the make-up of the selection panel and requesting a representative of the COG and the TAC be made part of that selection panel. The motion passed unanimously.

G. AQAP Status Report and Update

Scott Broten of ICF gave a power point that reviewed the project, its schedule and an update of the tasks.

It was moved and seconded to receive and file the report. The motion passed unanimously.

H. ITS Implementation Plan for Goods Movement

Mark Jensen of Cambridge Systematics gave a power point that reviewed this project, its intent and the status.

It was moved and seconded to receive and file the report. The motion passed unanimously.

I. SCAG Goods Movement Study

Gill Hicks of Cambridge Systematics gave a power point that outlined the study being prepared to extend the freight corridor further inland (EWFC). Dick Powers reviewed the guiding principles developed by the 91/605/405 CCC stating that, while supporting an EWFC using non-freeway alignments, the COG was opposed to an alignment along the SR-91 freeway.

It was moved and seconded to receive and file the report. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Gateway Cities COG Engineer Report

Jerry Wood of GCCOG gave a brief report on scheduling a presentation on the LA County Signal Synchronization project. He did not report on other matters.

It was moved and seconded to receive and file the report. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

It was requested by the City of Vernon for Caltrans to provide an update on the current I-710 improvement project at the next TAC meeting.

X. Matters from the Chair

There were no matters from the Chair.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:45 p.m.