

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

December 17, 2008

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, City of Paramount, Chair; Alex Hamilton, City of Commerce; Joe Dyer, City of Bell Gardens; Victor Rollinger, City of Carson; Dave Hewitt, City of Compton; Patrick Fu, City of Huntington Park; Mark Christoffels, City of Long Beach; Daniel Ojeda, City of Lynwood; Tom Melendrez, City of Maywood; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of South Gate; Kevin Wilson, City of Vernon; Maged El-Rabaa, LACDPW; Ron Kosinski, Caltrans; Ernest Morales, Metro; Phillip Law, SCAG; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Susan Nakamura, SCAQMD; Jolene Hayes, POLB;

ABSENT: Carlos Alvarado, Cities of Bell and Cudahy; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Charlie Honeycutt, City of Signal Hill; Michelle Noch, FHWA and FTA;

Other attendees included: Loujuana Mitchell, City of Compton; Ernesto Chaves, Metro; Adrian Alvarez, Metro; Geraldo Alvarez, Metro; Desiree Portillo-Rabinov, Metro; Devon Cichoski, Metro; Sue Lai, POLA; Mimi Gutierrez, POLA; Pat McLaughlin, MIG; Richard Powers, GCCOG; Jerry Wood, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Connie Turner, Southern California Edison Company; Jack Waldron, URS; Dave Levinsohn, URS; Sandy Stadtfeld, URS; Carmen Dalpiaz, URS; Dave Randall, Montebello USD; Michael Fischer, Cambridge Systematics; Chi Hua Ho, LAUSD; Rob McCann, LSA; Tommi Tyler, CHP.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Maged El-Rabaa.

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 Mark Christoffels, seconded by Maged El-Rabaa, to approve the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Appointments

Richard Powers, Executive Director, Gateway Cities Council of Governments, presented a staff report recommending that the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and Southern California Edison Company be added to the Technical Advisory Committee as non-voting, ex officio members. It was moved by Ernest Morales, seconded by Kerry Cartwright, to approve non-voting, ex-officio membership to the TAC to the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA), Los Angeles City Department of Water and Power (DWP), and the Southern California Edison Company (SCE). The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. Status Reports – Engineering

Jack Waldron of URS presented a status report for the I-710 EIR/EIS geometric plans that had been reviewed to date by the sub-TAC groups. The north sub-TAC meeting was scheduled to occur on January 13. The schedule of all of the meetings for the next three months developed by Metro was distributed and discussed. The Geometric Concept Report was presented along with CD's of the report that were distributed to each of the TAC members. It was decided that the TAC members would respond individually with comments on the report and the recommended refined geometric plans to Ernest Morales of Metro by January 14. It was decided that the comments of the review of the recommended refined plans by Jerry Wood would be distributed to the TAC members for their information. It was also decided to hold two TAC meetings in January on the 14th and 21st.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Kevin Wilson, to receive and file the report and to hold two TAC meetings in January. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Status Reports – Community Participation

Pat McLaughlin of MIG reviewed the status of the Local, Corridor and Subject Working Groups that make up the community participation. MIG will provide official lists for all these community participation committees to the TAC members and will notify the TAC members of the upcoming Subject Working Group Meetings.

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

C. I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS – Presentations of Draft Studies

The consultants briefly reviewed the summaries of the following draft studies that were presented at the previous TAC meeting:

1. Railroad Goods Movement Draft Study
2. Alternative Goods Movement Technology Study
3. Multi-Modal Transit Report
4. Initial Feasibility Analysis

After discussion it was the consensus of the TAC to receive and file the summaries of the previous studies and to invite Metrolink and the High Speed Rail Authority to a future TAC meeting for a presentation and possible coordination. It was also the consensus of the TAC to invite the BNSF and Union Pacific Railroads to participate on the TAC as non-voting, ex officio members.

The Initial Feasibility Cargo Volume Scenario Decision Framework was presented by Mike Fischer of Cambridge Systematics. He reviewed the impact of the three possible cargo volume scenarios that had been previously selected and approved the TAC and confirmed by the Project Committee. These are:

1. High Port Cargo Growth without Near-Dock Expansion
2. High Port Cargo Growth with Near-Dock Expansion
3. Low Port Cargo Growth

The analysis of the these three cargo growth scenarios did not show a material difference in the number of lanes required at the four screenline locations that were analyzed. After discussion it was moved by Bill Pagett, seconded by Mark Christoffels, to proceed with the scenario of high port cargo growth without near dock expansion as the cargo forecast to be used in the Alternative Screening

Analysis in the next step, with consideration at a future date of possible near dock expansion; and to include the following findings:

1. It is consistent with a conforming RTP
2. It represents the probability of the maximum impacts that can reasonably be mitigated
3. It addresses the Purpose and Need for the project
4. Consideration of the High Growth Scenario with Near-Dock Expansion can be considered in a future analysis.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The Alternatives Screening Methodology Overview was next presented to the TAC members by Dave Levinsohn of URS.

It was the consensus of the TAC to receive and file this report and continue it to the next meeting along with the remaining draft studies and reports that were not presented.

IX. Comments from Committee Members

There were no comments from Committee members.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.