

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
May 20, 2009**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Pagett at 1:45 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, City of Paramount, Chair; Victor Rollinger, City of Carson; Mark Christoffels, City of Long Beach; Daniel Ojeda, City of Lynwood; Ken Farfsing, City of Signal Hill; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of South Gate; Kevin Wilson, City of Vernon; Ron Kosinski, Caltrans; Ernest Morales, Metro; Jolene Hayes, POLB; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Philip Law, SCAG; Peter Greenwald, SCAQMD; Art Goodwin, ACTA; Gary Garrigue, SCE.

ABSENT: Carlos Alvarado, City of Bell and City of Cudahy; John Oropeza, City of Bell Gardens; Bob Zarrilli, City of Commerce; Dave Hewitt, City of Compton; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Patrick Fu, City of Huntington Park; Tom Melendrez, City of Maywood; Phil Doudar, County of Los Angeles; Michelle Noch, FHWA & FTA; Mark Sedlacek, LADWP.

Other attendees included: Adrian Alvarez, Metro; Ernesto Chavez, Metro; Susan Nakamura, SCAQMD; Arevik Petrosyan, SCE; Jerry Wood, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Jack Waldron, URS; Doug Smith, URS; Dave Levinsohn, URS; Rob McCann, LSA; Jayna Goodman, LSA; Esmeralda Garcia, MIG.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Bill Pagett.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Consent Calendar

Peter Greenwald requested that Consent Calendar Item B be considered separately.

It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Kerry Cartwright, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 1, 2009. The motion was approved unanimously.

Peter Greenwald requested an amendment to the language of the Recommended Screened Alternatives listed as Item B on the consent calendar. He suggested that the following language substitute for the last sentence in the final paragraph under Alternative 6B: "The design of the freight corridor will also assume possible future conversion, or initial construction, as feasible, (which may require additional environmental analysis and approval) of a fixed track guideway family of alternative technologies, e.g. Maglev."

It was moved by Peter Greenwald, seconded by Bill Pagett, to approve the final language of the Recommended Screened Alternatives for Study in the Draft Project Report/Environmental Document with the suggested amendment. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Reports

- A. Oral Status Report – Engineering
 1. Review of Schedule and Upcoming Meetings
 2. Project Committee actions and follow-up
 3. FHWA Meetings Review and Follow-up
 4. Status of Comments and Responses on Geometric Concept Report and Schedule Review
 5. Results of Rail Yard Gate Surveys Update
 6. Early Action Projects Update and Discussion
 7. Distribution of Alternative Technology Report
 8. Construction Phasing Update

Jack Waldron reviewed the various topics listed above. He mentioned that the Project Committee voted to concur with the TAC recommendations for the Recommended Screened Alternatives and to use the refined geometric plans. He gave a brief review of the recent FHWA meeting and a status report on the geometric plans. It was the consensus of the TAC that the follow-up reviews for the

geometric plans will be done with the TAC members first (including responses to local advisory committee comments) and meetings to do this would be scheduled in the near future.

Mr. Waldron said the report for the rail yards gate survey could not yet be provided as URS is still waiting on data from the railroad companies. He said he will contact other railroad company staff to request their assistance. The Early Action Projects were briefly discussed by Jack Waldron. Jerry Wood stated he is circulating a draft report for Early Action Projects and an approach to the project team. He said that after any comments are received the report will be finalized and sent to the TAC members for review and comment at the next meeting. Jack Waldron briefly stated that the Alternative Technology Report will be distributed to the industry for review and comment and that they are developing a construction phasing concept approach for the project. He said a detailed construction phasing plan probably cannot be developed at this time.

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

B. Oral Status Reports – Environmental Studies

1. AQ/HRA Protocol Report Update and Follow-up
2. Traffic Model Update and Presentation
3. Cumulative Projects List – Review and Discussion
4. Status of Environmental Surveys

Rob McCann of LSA presented an update on the AQ/HRA Protocol Report and made a request for comments from the TAC members by end of May on the cumulative projects list and the environmental surveys that are underway.

Doug Smith of URS made a presentation on the traffic model results. He announced that acceptable modeling results were just being received and developed and that those results would be used to analyze the refined geometric plans. He also reported that this report is behind schedule and a recovery schedule to address this was being developed. Jerry Wood requested an overall analysis of the impact of this report and other factors on the geometric plans. URS staff agreed to perform this analysis and report back.

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

C. Oral Status Report – Community Participation

1. Local Advisory Committees
2. Corridor Advisory Committee
3. Subject Working Groups
4. Meetings List Update

Esmeralda Garcia of MIG presented an update on the community participation activity. She said the upcoming meetings list update would be placed on the project website in the near future. She also mentioned that a final newsletter was almost completed. It was the consensus of the TAC that a package of materials to distribute to the member cities, including the newsletter and fact sheets, be presented to the TAC for review at the next meeting.

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

D. Oral Status Reports – Other Projects/Issues

1. GCCOG AQAP Status Report

Jerry Wood presented a brief status report on the Air Quality Action Plan. He referred the TAC to a fact sheet which had been distributed.

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

VII. Comments from Committee Members

There were no comments from Committee members.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:39 p.m.