



# Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority

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## ACE Construction Authority Board of Directors Meeting July 24, 2017 Minutes

Chairperson Costanzo called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority to order at noon at the San Gabriel City Hall Council Chambers.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Armand Kirakossian, nephew of member Hadjinian led the pledge of allegiance.
2. **Roll Call:** Chairperson Costanzo asked Mr. Christoffels to call the roll.  
In attendance was:  
Juli Costanzo, San Gabriel, Chair  
Victoria Martinez, El Monte, Vice Chair  
Barbara Messina, SGVCOG  
Tim Sandoval, Pomona  
Hilda Solis, LA County Board of Supervisors

### **Staff:**

Mark Christoffels, CEO  
Gregory Murphy, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, legal counsel  
Deanna Stanley  
Charles Tsang  
Genichi Kanow  
Phil Balmeo  
Rachel Korkos  
Cecilia Cardenas  
Ricky Choi

### **Guests:**

Irantzu Pujadas, Rep. Lowenthal  
Bob Magys, CH2Mill  
Talin Espinoza, Twining  
Chuck Tran, Prescience Corp.  
Suhash Patel, Moffatt & Nichol  
Charlie Nakamoto, Jacobs  
Joshua Nelson, CNC Engineering

3. **Public Comments** – Liam Balmeo addressed the Board and thanked his father Phil Balmeo for his hard work on the San Gabriel Trench Project.
4. **Approval of June 26, 2017 Board meeting minutes** – A motion was made by member Messina and seconded by member Hadjinian to approve the June 26, 2017 regular Board meeting minutes.

M/S/C/Messina/Hadjinian/Passed Abstentions: Martinez, Solis

5. **Chairman Remarks** – Chair Costanzo expressed her appreciation to the staff for the success of the earlier inaugural train event. She also reminded the Board that the Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup> at 10AM at the ACE office.
6. **Board Member Comments** – Vice Chair Martinez acknowledged the collaborative effort of staff and City for the success of the San Gabriel Trench project. Member Hadjinian also expressed his appreciation for ACE and its accomplishments. Member Messina also congratulated the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.
7. **Chief Executive Officer's Report** – Mr. Christoffels expressed his appreciation for California Transportation Commission member Fran Inman, Executive Director Susan Branson and Deputy Director Dawn Cheser for being present at the meeting.
8. **Construction Progress Reports** – Charles Tsang, Senior Project Manager reviewed construction project photos for the Fairway Drive grade separation project that included shoring for the Lemon Avenue eastbound on and off ramps. Mark Christoffels reviewed the progress photos for preparation of the 55 hour street closure which happened July 14-17th. Genichi Kanow, Senior Project Manager reviewed the Puente Avenue grade separation photos that included forming abutment work on the Valley Boulevard bridge and installation of a water main on Puente Avenue. Phil Balmeo reviewed the work
9. **Approval of Contract Amendment with CH2MHill for Design Support Services During Construction for the Fairway Drive Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels indicated CH2MHill was the designer under contract through construction for reviewing and making any additions to designs during the course of construction. He indicated it was determined due to track alignment and soil conditions the equipment proposed would not be able to operate safely between two live tracks. He indicated the designers were required to prepare revised design plans include a shoofly and spur tracks. Additionally the proposed construction method of a storm drain required redesign and finally, that design changes to the interchange at Lemon was required by Caltrans. Mr. Christoffels indicated staff was requesting the Board approve an additional \$623,943 to carry the designer through the completion of the project. There were no questions.

A motion was made to authorize the Chief Executive Officer amend the contract with CH2MHill to add \$623,943 for additional design support and design revisions for the Fairway Drive grade separation project for a new total contract value of \$7,829,304.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Messina/Unanimous

10. **Approval of Selection and Award of Contract for Construction Management Services to PreScience Corporation for the Durfee Avenue Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels reviewed the procurement process for the selection of construction management services for the Durfee Avenue grade separation project.

He indicated the three highest ranked firms were Hill International, Jacobs and PreScience Corporation. He reminded the Board that upon approval of the selection and award, negotiations will proceed and that an initial task order for \$100,000 needed to be initiated in order for PreScience to begin required constructability review. He reminded the Board that a 17% DBE goal was set for this procurement but Prescience committed to 96%, as Prescience itself is a DBE firm. There were no questions.

A motion was made to approve the selection of Prescience Corporation to provide construction management services for the Durfee Avenue grade separation project, and authorize the CEO to negotiate, execute a contract and issue an initial task order for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

M/S/C/Martinez/Messina/Unanimous

11. **Approval of Contract Amendment for Moffatt & Nichol for Design Support Services During Construction for the Puente Avenue Grade Separation Project** - Mr. Christoffels reported that Moffatt & Nichol, the designer for the Puente Avenue grade separation project was tasked with providing design support during construction including responding to requests for information. He indicated the estimated effort has exceeded what was previously approved. He reported that the number of inquiries and submittals from the contractor as well as other construction tasks have increased. He indicated staff was confident an additional \$177,000 would be sufficient to carry the contractor through the end of the project.

A motion was made to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with Moffatt & Nichol to add \$177,000 for additional design support services during construction of the Puente Avenue grade separation project, for a new total contract value of \$7,470,547.

M/S/C/Martinez/Messina/Unanimous

12. **Receive and File Quarterly Finance and Project Progress Reports Schedule** – Mr. Christoffels reported the following project updates: At grade crossing safety is at 30% design completion with expected construction contract to be awarded in April 2019; Durfee Avenue is at 95% design completion and expected construction contract to be awarded in May 2018; Fairway Drive is at 25% construction completion and expected to be complete in January 2021; Fullerton Road is at 15% construction completion and expected to be complete in December 2020; Montebello Corridor at 20% design completion and expected construction contract to be awarded in November 2018; Puente Avenue is at 70% construction completion with expected completion in October 2018; San Gabriel Trench is at 85% construction completion with an expected completion in February 2018 and finally Temple Avenue is at 90%

construction completion with final completion expected in November 2017. Mr. Christoffels reviewed the project cost estimates and funding sources.

A motion was made to receive and file the Quarterly Project Progress Reports.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Solis/Unanimous

13. **Receive and File Quarterly Mitigated Monitoring Reports** – Mr. Christoffels reviewed the quarterly mitigated monitoring reports assuring the Board that ACE remains in compliance with its reporting requirements.

A motion was made to receive and file the Quarterly Mitigated Monitoring Reports.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Martinez/Unanimous

14. **Adjournment** – The Chair reminded the Board that the next meeting would be held on August 28<sup>th</sup> at noon. The meeting adjourned at 12:31PM

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Deanna Stanley  
Clerk of the Board