



SGVCOG Capital Projects & Construction Committee July 23, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Costanzo called the meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Capital Projects and Construction Committee to order at 12:02PM at the West Covina Community Center 1444 West Garvey Avenue, West Covina, CA.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Chairperson Costanzo lead the pledge of allegiance.

2. **Roll Call:**

In attendance was:

Juli Costanzo, Chair, San Gabriel

Victoria Martinez, Vice Chair, El Monte

Becky Shevlin, Monrovia

Cory Moss, City of Industry

Hilda Solis, LA County Board of Supervisor

Jack Hadjinian, Montebello

Nancy Lyons, Diamond Bar

Sam Pedroza, Claremont

Tim Sandoval, Pomona

Staff:

Mark Christoffels, Chief Engineer

Gregory Murphy, Burke Williams & Sorensen, legal counsel

Deanna Stanley

Amy Hanson

Charles Tsang

Paul Hubler

Phil Balmeo

Rachel Korkos

Ricky Choi

Victoria Butler

Mark Mendoza, Paragon Partners

Cynthia Sternquist, SGVCOG President

Guests:

John Burton, LA County Department of Public Works

Art Corres, LA County Department of Public Works

Josh Nelson, CNC Engineering

Greg Jaquez, MNS

3. **Public Comments** – There were no public comments.

4. **Approval of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2018** – Mr. Christoffels stated that the minutes would be revised to reflect the ACE Contracts Manager Cecilia Cardenas and Pat Somerville, of HNTB were present at the meeting.

A motion was made by member Solis and seconded by member Moss to approve the revised minutes of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee Meeting minutes of June 24, 2018.

M/S/C/Solis/Moss/Unanimous Abstain: Becky Shevlin

5. **Chairman's Remarks** – Chairman Costanzo welcomes the new Committee members.
6. **Member Comments** – Vice Chair Martinez and member Hadjinian also welcomed the new members.
7. **Chief Engineers Monthly Report** – Mark Christoffels summarized the process of the Committee meeting. He requested the Committee confirm their preference of receipt of material. He reviewed the Committee structure indicating the Chair will remain in place through the end of the calendar year and elections would be held in January. He recounted the Temple Avenue diversion projects opening and showed a press video.
8. **Project Construction Progress Reports** – Charles Tsang, Senior Project Manager of the Fairway Drive Grade Separation Projects and Lemon Avenue on/off ramp projects reviewed the project progress photos. Photos depicted concrete barrier construction. Victoria Butler, Senior Project Manager of the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project reviewed project photos depicting widening construction on Gale Avenue, to add a third lane north of the 60 freeway. Phil Balmeo, Senior Project Manager of the San Gabriel Trench Grade Separation Project stated that summarized the history of the project. He reminded the Committee that construction began in 2012 by Walsh construction, at a cost of \$172 million and overall project cost of \$293 million. He indicated there were 62 property takes, and the project would provide four grade separations at Ramona Avenue, Mission Drive, Del Mar Avenue and San Gabriel Street along with two railroad bridges. He reminded the Committee that the project was unique to most ACE grade separation projects in that it required lowering tracks due to the proximity to the San Gabriel Mission. He indicated the completion of this project would eliminate all crossings in the City of San Gabriel.
9. **Approval of Plans, Specifications and Estimates for the Durfee Avenue Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels indicated staff sought approval for the plans, specifications and estimates for the Durfee Avenue Grade Separation project in order to solicit bids for construction. He reminded the Committee that the project has received environmental clearance, all required land has been acquired, and the project has approval of the Public Utilities Commission. He indicated the estimated cost is \$35-\$39 million.

A motion was made by member Solis and seconded by member Martinez to approve the

Plans, Specifications and Estimates for the Durfee Avenue Grade Separation Project in the City of Pico Rivera and authorize staff to solicit bids.

M/S/C/Solis/Martinez/Unanimous

10. **Approval of Project Definition Report and Initiation of Property Acquisition Activities for the Maple Avenue Pedestrian Overhead Structure** – Mr. Christoffels explained that the projects are normally designed to 35% before the project can be refined as far as costs and property requirements. He indicated prior to the project beginning final design the Committee must approve the project definition report which is the overall scope of the project.

Member Solis suggested staff meet with Metrolink to discuss partnering opportunities.

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Sandoval to approve the Project Definition Report and Initiation of Property Acquisition Activities for the Maple Avenue Pedestrian Overhead Structure.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Sandoval/Unanimous

11. **Approval of the Declaration of Surplus Property located at 204 S. 3rd Street, La Puente, CA in connection with the Puente Avenue Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels reviewed the location of the property at 204 S 3rd Street. He reviewed the process for disposal of surplus property and indicated the proceeds from surplus property must go back to project costs. He indicated the property would be offered to public entities for a period of 60 days and if no interest is shown, the property would be made available to the public. The Committee suggested staff approach the adjacent property owner.

A motion was made by member Solis and seconded by member Hadjinian to declare the property located at 204 S 3rd Street in the City of La Puente as surplus.

M/S/C/Solis/Hadjinian/Unanimous

12. **Approval to Receive and File Quarterly Project Progress Reports** – Mr. Christoffels reviewed the quarterly progress reports indicating the final design is underway for the At Grade Safety Crossing in Pomona. He reminded the Committee that the project was designed to address the high pedestrian activity near the railroad tracks and that Metrolink is installing additional gates. Mr. Christoffels indicated with this project along with improvements by Metrolink the area may meet requirements for a quiet zone. Mr. Christoffels indicated the Durfee Avenue grade separation project is expected to be out to bid in August with construction to begin in January 2019. He indicated Fairway Drive grade separation project was 30% complete and expected to be complete by August 2021. Fullerton Road grade separation construction is 25% complete and expected completion is December 2020. He indicated Montebello Corridor is in final design and the rail crossing safety work and pedestrian bridge are expected to be constructed in 2019 and the Montebello Blvd. underpass complete in 2020. He indicated Turnbull Canyon Road was in final design but construction remains uncertain due to funding.

Mr. Christoffels reviewed the total cost of projects and indicated the overall program had funding commitments of over \$1.697 billion yet remains short \$7.812 and could be further affected should SB1 be repealed. He indicated that proceeds from property sales will be applied toward project costs.

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Sandoval to approve the Receive and File of the Quarterly Project Progress Reports.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/ Sandoval/Unanimous

Approval to Receive and File Quarterly Environmental Mitigation Monitoring Reports

– Mr. Christoffels indicated the Mitigation Monitoring reports are a comprehensive list of the commitments we make for each list to mitigate the issues related to construction and how we are addressing them. He indicated it is an overall reflection on how we are doing within the community.

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Martinez to approve the Receive and File of the Quarterly Environmental Mitigation Monitoring Reports.

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Mr. Christoffels reported that the Quarterly Financial reports would be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

13. **Closed Session** – Greg Murphy announced the reason for closed session. The Committee returned and Mr. Murphy reported that the Committee received a briefing and gave staff direction to continue with litigation.
14. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:12PM. The next meeting will be held on August 27, 2018.

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Deanna Stanley
Clerk