



SGVCOG Public Works TAC Approved Meeting Minutes

Date: March 19, 2018
 Time: 12:00 P.M.
 Location: Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
 602 E. Huntington Dr., Suite B, Monrovia, CA 91016

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. R. Guerrero led the TAC in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call

Public Works TAC Members Present

C. Curiel; Azusa
 F. Lopez; Claremont
 E. Jeng, C. Dillon; El Monte
 D. Co; Irwindale
 A. Tachiki; Monrovia
 R. Guerrero; Pomona
 K. Patel; San Dimas
 M. Forbes; Temple City
 M. Heredia; West Covina
 J. Yang, P. Doudar, J. Lu; LACDPW

Public Works TAC Members Absent

Arcadia
 Diamond Bar
 South El Monte

Guests

S. Ahmad, SA Associates	D. Cadena; WKE, Inc.
F. Alamalhoda, J. Andrews; LAE Associates	S. Novotny; Caltrans
A. Tolar, B. Schmith; LA Metro	S. Forster; Infrastructure Engineers
J. Martinez; NCE	

SGVCOG Staff

E. Wolf
 P. Duyshart

4. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Review Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes: 02/26/2018
There was a motion to approve the minutes (M/S: P. Doudar/K. Patel).

[Motion Passed]

Ayes	Azusa, Claremont, El Monte, Irwindale, Monrovia, Pomona, San Dimas, Temple City, West Covina, LACDPW
Noes	
Abstain	
Absent	Arcadia, Diamond Bar, South El Monte

PRESENTATIONS

6. I-10 Express Lanes Project Update

R. Wolfe, the Executive Director of the SBCTA, opened this presentation by providing a brief introduction to, and background of, the SBCTA in general, and its I-10 Express Lanes Project. He then introduced P. Beauchamp, the SBCTA's Director of Project Delivery, who delivered the majority of the presentation.

Ms. Beauchamp explained how San Bernardino County has seen its population triple since about 1970. As a result, there is a high volume of congestion and freeway traffic throughout a plethora of San Bernardino County's traffic corridors; this especially applies to the I-10 Freeway, which is a highly frequented freeway by residents of San Bernardino County and neighboring counties. The SBCTA has been trying to find solutions which address the very high amount of congestion and slow-downs on the I-10 Freeway.

P. Beauchamp continued by saying how the SBCTA, after studies, reviews, and public outreach, reached the conclusion that an express lanes project on I-10 would bring traffic benefits to the corridor and to the whole San Bernardino County region. Thus, the SBCTA is commissioning the construction of a 33-mile Express Lanes project which will stretch along the I-10 from the LA County line at the west to the eastern edge of the City of Redlands at the east. Additionally, she mentioned how the first 10-mile segment, which will go from the LA County line to the I-15 interchange and connector, will be relatively easy to construct because there are no major rail or stream crossings along that stretch of the freeway.

One primary challenge for this overall project will be figuring out the transition of the Carpool Lane to Express Lanes at and around the LA County line, from Indian Hill Blvd. to Monte Vista Ave. The SBCTA and its partners must figure out how to make this transition as smooth and seamless as possible.

Also, there will be dynamic and tiered pricing throughout the Express Lanes system. Drivers will have a transponder which is switchable. There will be a discount rate for clean vehicles, and a low-income program, too.

As of now, the SBCTA has hired a project and construction firm to assist through this entire process and to provide design/build and procurement contracts.

Questions/Discussion: The following issues were discussed:

- E. Wolf asked if motorcycle riders will get to ride in the Express Lanes for free, as is the case with other Express Lanes in different counties, such as LA County.
- A TAC member asked about interchangeability between current transponders and the ones that will be used in SB County.
- Someone asked about electric vehicles: R. Wolfe said there are requirements to this that sunset in a couple of years. Their board is also considering a policy right now for clean air vehicles. However, it should be noted that rebates for clean air vehicles will go away in 5 years.
- A second TAC member asked about construction timeline. The contract will be awarded in June 2018. Construction will begin in in Summer 2019, and the project will be open for use in February 2023.
- A TAC member from a County-border city asked about the transition in between the one HOV lane to two, at the County border. There will be over a mile of transition, according to R. Wolfe.

- Another TAC member had a question regarding the Gold Line extension to Ontario, and if this project will have any relation at all to that extension. R. Wolfe replied that this express lanes project has nothing to do with the Gold Line.
- A guest of the TAC asked about signage for pricing, and pricing for off-peak and on-peak times. She also asked about transponders.
- A question was asked about onramp and offramp re-configurations, and how they'll connect to City streets.
- A TAC member from a second County-bordering city asked if the contractors will work with the bordering cities (like if they have to pull permits) and have fair communication.
- Additionally, there was a question about design build contractors for this. There are currently two teams of contractors working on the project and which are under consideration.
- Another guest of the TAC asked if there will be a separate procurement for a construction manager? P. Beauchamp stated that they've already hired a project manager.

7. Rio Hondo Load Reduction Strategy Agreement and RFP

E. Wolf, a Senior Management Analyst with the SGVCOG, provided the presentation on this item. He first alerted TAC members to the fact that this Rio Hondo project will be the first project which is assigned to the new SGVCOG Capital Project and Construction Committee, under the new COG/ACE integrated program and structure. This shows that the new ACE office will not only manage transportation and grade separation projects; it will take on a wide variety of capital construction and infrastructure projects that benefit the greater San Gabriel Valley subregion.

A Load Reduction Strategy is a plan to reduce the amount of bacteria and waste from water ways and channels, as well as storm water ways and infrastructure. In order to restrict the amount of bacteria entering waterways (MS4 Permit), the cities on the Rio Hondo River and its tributaries have been working collaboratively on a solution, and want to enter into an MOA with the SGVCOG.

Additionally, E. Wolf mentioned that MS4 guidelines allow for investment of \$1.5 to \$2 million at each outfall site along the Rio Hondo and the Eaton, Rubio, and Alhambra washes. He then described the type of construction and infrastructure that would be required to offload bacteria at various points of these washes and channels. Moreover, Mr. Wolf elaborated on the MOA and RFP timelines, as well as the scope of the SGVCOG's role and involvement in the project. The SGVCOG is being expected to act as the lead agency to hire a consultant for project design and preparation of the CEQA documentation. The COG will also financially administer the contract, too. The ACE division of the SGVCOG will take on most of these responsibilities.

Questions/Discussion: The following issues were discussed:

- There was a question about the estimated number for the project cost, and how cities are funding this. Currently, cities (LA County, Alhambra, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, South Pasadena, and Temple City) are chipping in to pay for design. The project is expected to cost \$5 million total. However, there are no funding sources yet for the actual construction.
- There was another question regarding which agency will maintain this project once it's been constructed. E. Wolf noted that it is in the Flood Control District's right-of-way, but it still has not been finalized who will maintain the new infrastructure.

- A TAC member asked what are the other cities which are part of the Upper LA River district doing. E. Wolf clarified that while there are 19 cities and agencies in this watershed, only nine cities are involved in this Rio Hondo Load Reduction project.
- Another TAC member asked why aren't the EWMP groups working on this project? What is the COG's role, if the EWMP can work on this project collectively?

ACTION ITEMS

UPDATE ITEMS

8. ACE/COG Integration

P. Duyshart updated the TAC on this item. He provided a chart which showed the timeline of the various integration activities, projects, and aspects for the next year. He also reported that a compensation and classification study for the integrated agency was about to commence, and that the SGVCOG was considering office location and lease options. Duyshart also reported that the SGVCOG Governing Board named Marisa Creter as the new permanent Executive Director. Ms. Creter had served as the Interim Executive Director since October 2017, after previously being the COG's Assistant Executive Director.

9. Update on Measure M Subregional Administrative Funds

P. Duyshart provided this update. He reminded Committee members that this item was first presented at the November Transportation Committee Meeting. Mr. Duyshart then summarized the three possible funding options to fund the COG's administrative transportation work. Under Option A, the COG would utilize the available \$37,600 in funding to offset the cost and work of existing staff. Option B would call for utilizing the available funding to hire a consultant to develop a five-year programming plan and conduct outreach to member agencies and other stakeholders. Option C would call for the approval of a special assessment on COG cities which would be equal to 0.5% of cities' Measure M local return funds for the initial 5-year period.

Duyshart concluded the update by recapping the decisions and actions of the other COG TACs pertaining to this budget issue. After considering the professional feedback and advice of the members of the various TACs, the COG has decided to postpone Option C and the possible hiring of a Transportation Planner, due to a worry that there would be too much confusion if Option C was adopted while the integration between the COG and ACE was ongoing, since COG staff promised COG member-cities that there would not be any extra costs associated with integrating the two departments. In January, the Transportation Committee supported this course of action. P. Duyshart did note though that COG staff may choose to pursue Option C again in Late 2018 or Early 2019 after Measure M subregional funds are allocated and programmed and the COG concludes that it needs to hire a Transportation Planner to program and coordinate transportation projects and funding in the SGV subregion.

10. Update on Measure M Subregional Fund Programming

P. Duyshart provided an update to the TAC on this matter. He reminded Committee members that Metro's Measure M guidelines require each subregional entity, including the COG, to submit an MSP 5-Year Plan to the Metro Board of Directors for adoption. He then went over the funding that would be available for each subregional sub-program, as adopted by the Governing Board. Based on the funding allocation for each sub-program, SGVCOG staff will assign funding for the highest priority projects, mainly for active transportation projects, first/last mile projects, and highway efficiency projects. COG staff will identify the most important and highest-priority projects by consulting the COG's adopted Mobility Matrix. Mr. Duyshart alerted the Committee that COG staff will likely present a draft list of selected projects for Measure M funding at the Public Works

TAC's April meeting, and that the Planners' TAC will also hear this presentation in April. After COG staff listens to the valuable and technical input and feedback on the MSP 5-Year Plan programming list from the two TACs, COG staff will bring a revised draft list to the Transportation Committee, likely at that committee's May meeting. The SGVCOG Governing Board will need to formally approve the final draft of the proposed 5-Year programming project list, and the Governing Board will likely take up this item at its June or July meeting. P. Duyshart also reminded TAC members that each step in the project selection process, including presentations at TAC and Committee meetings, provides opportunities for members of the public to participate in this process and provide local perspectives.

11. CicLAvia Heart of the Foothills Planning Update

R. Guerrero, the Chair of the Public Works TAC, gave an update on how the planning process for the CicLAvia event has been progressing. He discussed how each participating City – San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, and Claremont – will have a “hub” where there will be booths, games, activities, and food options, and that at least a couple of the hubs will have a pro-environment and “green” theme to them, as this event coincides with Earth Day, on Sunday, April 22. This exciting and first-of-its-kind-event (for the East SGV) will run from approximately 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mr. Guerrero also elaborated on the public safety planning that the City of Pomona has been developing, and gave more information about what the Pomona “hub” will consist of.

INFORMATION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P. Duyshart announced that the City of Lakewood is inviting public works directors, city engineers, and storm water managers from cities and agencies in LA County to attend a meeting regarding the Safe, Clean Water Program for LA County. The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2018, from 10:00 am to 12 Noon, at the Lakewood Civic Center. The League of California Cities is also involved in the planning of this meeting, too.

J. Martinez of NCE announced that there is an upcoming field trip to the Manhattan Beach State Park on Thursday, April 18. She also mentioned that there will be an LA River Cleanup event for NCE's Young Professionals Group, and that there will be an upcoming event to highlight complete streets and technological innovations.

R. Guerrero announced that the next Public Works TAC Meeting will be on April 16, 2018.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.