



## SGVCOG Capital Projects & Construction Committee Unapproved Minutes

### Call to Order

Chairman Sandoval called the meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Capital Projects and Construction Committee to order at 12:01PM at the West Covina Community Center.

### 1. Pledge of Allegiance

Becky Shevlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. Roll Call

A quorum was in attendance.

#### Present:

Tim Sandoval, Chair, Pomona  
Nancy Lyons, Vice Chair, Diamond Bar  
Becky Shevlin, Monrovia  
Diana Mahmud, So. Pasadena  
Cory Moss, Industry  
Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City  
Tim Hepburn, La Verne

#### Absent:

Victoria Muela, El Monte

#### Staff:

Mark Christoffels, Chief Engineer  
Cassie Trapesonian, legal counsel, Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart  
Andres Ramirez  
Charles Tsang  
Deanna Stanley  
Edward Villanueva  
Paul Hubler  
Ricky Choi

#### Guests:

Tim Green, HDR  
Waqas Rehman, LA County Board of  
Supervisors 1st District  
Keith Gillfillan, Moffatt Nichol

### 3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

The SGVCOG's Capital Project and Construction Committee consists of five (5) regional districts; Northeast, Southeast, Central, Southwest, Northwest, the County of Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. Members of the former Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) Board shall maintain a seat on the Committee unless or until completion of all ACE Project(s) in their respective cities. Each member or alternate shall have one vote. A quorum is 50% of its membership. Action taken by the Committee shall be by simple majority of the members present. All disclosable public records related to this meeting are available at [www.theaceproject.org](http://www.theaceproject.org) and viewing at the Rivergrade Road office during normal business hours.

4. **Approval of Capital Projects & Construction Committee Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2019**

The Committee requested staff make changes to the minutes to reflect J. Hadjinian nominating N. Lyons and H. Solis nominating C. Moss. A motion was made to approve the revised meeting minutes of October 28, 2019. Motion passed.

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5. **Chairman Remarks**

Chairman Sandoval congratulated staff on the recent awards for the Puente Avenue and San Gabriel Trench projects in the American Council of Engineering Companies, California 2020 Engineering Excellence Award competition.

6. **Member Comments**

Members wished everyone happy holidays. N. Lyons requested the status of the letter staff was requested to prepare to the Union Pacific Railroad regarding their delays that resulted in the significant cost increase to the Fairway Drive grade separation project. M. Christoffels indicated the letter would be sent this week and the Committee copied.

H. Solis arrives.

7. **Chief Engineer's Monthly Report**

Chief Engineer Mark Christoffels reviewed local news segments featuring the 57/60 freeway depicting its current unsafe conditions as the fourth worst in the country for accidents. A video of an emergency vehicle delayed while stopped at a rail crossing due to a slow moving train at Turnbull Canyon Road was also shown. M. Christoffels introduced newly hired staff member Ricky Choi. Mr. Christoffels reported that the SGVCOG was unsuccessful in its application for federal BUILD grant funds.

J. Hadjinian arrives.

8. **Project Progress Reports**

M. Christoffels reviewed the work underway for the Durfee Avenue grade separation that included pump station work and utility relocations. Andres Ramirez, Senior Project Manager reviewed progress photos for the Fullerton Road grade separation project that included preliminary work for the roadway including curb and gutters, completed retaining walls and utility relocations. Charles Tsang, Senior Project Manager reviewed project photos for the Fairway Drive Grade Separation project that included pump station installation.

9. **Approval of Sole Source Contract to Railpros for Construction Observation Services in Conjunction with Union Pacific Railroad Crossing Agreements**

M. Christoffels reported that due to a 30% workforce reduction, the Union Pacific Railroad is now contracting out some of its services. It has entered into an agreement with Railpros to provide construction observation services, a required task for many of the grade separation

projects. He indicated that since this task was included in the existing contract with Union Pacific, an additional agreement was necessary. The matter was discussed and D. Mahmud requested that the Committee be provided with a copy of the complete contract in future requests for consideration of approvals.

A motion was made to by J. Hadjinian and seconded by H. Solis to approve a Statement of Determinations and Findings for the non-competitive procurement of construction observation services in conjunction with the Union Pacific Railroad crossing agreement permits and authorize the Chief Engineer to execute a contract with Railpros for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Solis/Passed

Abstain: D. Mahmud

10. **Hearing on CPCC Resolution of Necessity No. 19-17 for the Turnbull Canyon Road Grade Separation Project**

M. Christoffels reviewed the process of the hearings of Resolutions of Necessity. He indicated the Committee should find: that the public interest and necessity require the acquisition for the project, the project if planned in a manner that is most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury and that the property is necessary for the project. He reminded the Committee that this was not the time to discuss compensation and the approval of the Resolutions would not stop parties from negotiating but will allow staff to move forward with legal actions if necessary. He also reported that there were no objections from SCE, the property owners, regarding the Committees adoption of the Resolution.

M. Christoffels reported that the properties in Resolutions No. 19-17 and 19-18 were both owned by Southern California Edison (SCE). He reported the 16 ft. easement was required for 19-17 for street widening. He indicated that staff has been working cooperatively with SCE and staff is not aware of any objections to the property requirements.

The public comment period was opened and there were no public comments. The public comment period was closed.

A motion was made by member to approve CPCC Resolution of Necessary No. 19-17.

Ayes: T. Sandoval, H. Solis, T. Hepburn, B. Shevlin, N. Lyons, D. Mahmud, C. Moss, C. Sternquist

Nays: None

11. **Hearing on CPCC Resolution of Necessity No. 19-18 for the Turnbull Canyon Road Grade Separation Project.**

Mr. Christoffels reminded the Committee of the required findings. He reviewed the property requirements for Resolution No. 19-18.

The public comment period was opened and there were no public comments. The public comment period was closed.

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Lyons to approve CPCC Resolution of Necessary No. 19-18.

Ayes: T. Sandoval, H. Solis, T. Hepburn, B. Shevlin, N. Lyons, D. Mahmud, C. Moss, C. Sternquist

Nays: None

12. **Approval of 2020 Transportation and Capital Projects Legislative Priorities**

Paul Hubler, Director of Government/Community Relations reported that the 2020 Transportation and Capital Projects Legislative priorities was presented and approved at the SGVCOG's Transportation Committee. He indicated the 2020 focus will be to continue to seek funding for all projects. He reviewed the year's funding successes that included \$15 in Section 190 grade separation funds, safeguarding \$18M in savings from completed ACE Projects to apply to other projects and underway work with Metro to amend the ACE Project MOU that will result in a \$19M for the ACE Program. He indicated the item will go before the Metro Board for approval at its January 2020 meeting and that staff will update the Committee accordingly.

A motion was made by C. Moss and seconded by B. Shevlin to approve the 2020 Transportation and Capital Projects Legislative Priorities.

M/S/C/Moss/Shevlin/Unanimous

13. **Approval 2020 Meeting Schedule**

M. Christoffels indicated the meeting schedule was consistent with past years and there were no questions or comments.

A motion was made by N. Lyons and seconded by C. Sternquist to approve the 2020 Capital Projects meeting schedule.

M/S/C/Lyons/Sternquist/Unanimous

14. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Michael Cammarano at 12:43PM.

X 

Deanna Stanley  
Clerk of the Committee