



SGVCOG Capital Projects & Construction Committee March 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Costanzo called the meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Capital Projects and Construction Committee to order at 12:04pm at the San Gabriel City Hall Council Chambers.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Member Hadjinian led the pledge of allegiance.

2. **Roll Call:** Mr. Christoffels called the roll.

In attendance was:

Juli Costanzo, San Gabriel, Chair

Jack Hadjinian, Montebello

Victoria Martinez, El Monte, Vice Chair

Barbara Messina, SGVCOG

Tim Sandoval, Pomona

Staff:

Mark Christoffels, Chief Engineer

Gregory Murphy, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, legal counsel

Deanna Stanley

Amy Hanson

Carlos Monroy

Cecilia Cardenas

Charles Tsang

Melissa Truong

Michelle Arroyo

Paul Hubler

Phil Balmeo

Rachel Korkos

Ricky Choi

Victoria Butler

Guests:

John Burton, LA County Dept. Public Works

Robert Williams, RailPros

Linda Nicklas, Match 90640

Rosemary Torres, Match 90640

Mike Torres, Match 90640

Charlie Nakamoto, Jacobs Engineering

3. **Public Comments** – Linda Nicklas of Match 90640 stated their group was dissatisfied with Member Hadjinian's representation of Montebello on the Committee. Ms. Nicklas requested the Committee consider removing Member Hadjinian as the Montebello representative. She indicated the Montebello project as planned did not appear to be safe for the City.

4. **Approval of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2018** – A motion was made by member Sandoval and seconded by Vice Chair Martinez to approve the January 22, 2018 Capital Projects and Construction Committee Meeting Minutes.

M/S/C/Sandoval/Martinez/Unanimous

5. **Approval of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2018** – A motion was made by member Sandoval and seconded by member Hadjinian to approve the February 26, 2018 Capital Projects and Construction Committee Meeting Minutes.

M/S/C/Sandoval/Hadjinian/Unanimous

6. **Chairman Remarks** – Chairperson Costanzo congratulated Carlos Monroy, Finance Director of ACE for his upcoming retirement. She thanked him for his service and the Board presented Mr. Monroy with plaque of recognition. She indicated that interviews for a new Finance Director will begin the following day.

Chairperson Costanzo thanked staff for the coordination of the recent legislative meetings in Washington D.C. trip which allowed the members to update legislators and their staff with project progress and funding needs.

7. **Board Member Comments** – Member Sandoval expressed his gratitude on behalf of the City of Pomona for the overwhelming support received by Committee member cities and staff after the loss of Pomona Police Officer Gregory Casillas in early March.

8. **Chief Engineer's Monthly Report** – Mr. Christoffels reminded the Committee of the Puente Avenue ribbon cutting ceremony on April 6 at 10:30. He indicated that the recent trip to Washington was the first trip as an integrated agency with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, which was well received.

9. **Project Construction Progress Report** – Charles Tsang reviewed the progress photos for the Fairway project showing the storm drain work completed and soil removal for ramp preparation after Lemon Avenue on/off ramp is open. He reported that the Lemon Avenue project is 99% complete and is scheduled to open mid-April. Victoria Butler reviewed the progress photos for Fullerton Road project showing the pump station installation for the storm drain system. Philip Balmeo reviewed the progress photos for the Puente Avenue Grade separation showing a near complete project. He reviewed photos for the San Gabriel Trench project highlighting the tieback installation along the railroad track and the excavation of Ramona Blvd.

10. **Approval to Receive and File Finance Committee Reports of January 26, 2018** – A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Messina to receive and file the Finance Committee reports of January 26, 2018.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Messina/Unanimous

11. **Approval of the Project Definition Report for the At-Grade Crossing Safety Improvements Project in the City of Pomona** – Project Manager Rachel Korkos presented the At-Grade Crossing Safety Improvements project specifications. She indicated that the project requires five crossing improvements at Hamilton Boulevard, Park Avenue, Main Street, Palomares Street, and San Antonio Avenue crossings that will improve the safety of pedestrians and motorists utilizing the crossings.

She reported that no right-of-way acquisitions are necessary for this project with one encroachment in the public right-of-way that requires removal. She indicated that funding for this project is provided through Measure R funds. She reported the project has received clearance by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and utility relocation requirements are still under review. She reported that construction is scheduled to begin in 2019 with project completion of December 2020.

A motion was made by member Sandoval and seconded by member Hadjinian to approve the project definition report for the At-Grade Crossing Safety Improvements project in the City of Pomona.

M/S/C/Sandoval/Hadjinian/Unanimous

12. **Approval of an Amendment to RailPros, Inc. Contract for the Design Services of the At-Grade Safety Improvements Project in the City of Pomona** – Mark Christoffels reported that this item is to complete Phase 3 of Final Design of the At-Grade Safety Improvements Project. He reminded the Committee that this contract was approved at the September 26, 2016 meeting for Phase 2 design services. He indicated that the next phase required is for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,499,636 for a new contract value of \$3,236,047. He asked the Committee to make a motion on this item.

A motion was made by member Sandoval and seconded by member Hadjinian to approve an amendment to RailPros, Inc. contract for the design services of the At-Grade Safety Improvements project in the City of Pomona.

M/S/C/Sandoval/Hadjinian/Unanimous

13. **Approval of the Close-Out and Formal Acceptance for the Work Associated with the Design Contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Temple Avenue Train Diversion Project** – Mr. Christoffels reported that the Temple Avenue Train Diversion project has been completed, this item is to approve the acceptance of the project as complete and to close-out the design contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. He indicated that a post audit has been completed and the final contract amount of \$7.4 million has been paid. Mr. Christoffels gave a brief history of the project and its long processes of development. He explained to the Committee that Union Pacific Railroad required that a 4th track be added after construction had begun which, required a reinforced concrete box owned by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District be replaced but could not be construction due to unresolved negotiations with Kinder Morgan regarding the need to relocate or provide a protection for its two oil pipelines. Once these issues were addressed we were able to complete the project. He

reported that Union Pacific Railroad plans to have all track work relating to this project done by July. He asked for a motion to approve this item.

A motion was made by member Sandoval and seconded by member Hadjinian to approve the close out and formal acceptance for the work associated with the design contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Temple Avenue Train Diversion Project.

M/S/C/Sandoval/Hadjinian/Unanimous

14. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:50PM in memory of Pomona Police Officer Gregory Casillas, Ysela Rodriguez, the SGVCOG Board President Cynthia Sternquist's mother and Dennis Grover, father in-law of Mark Christoffels.

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Deanna Stanley
Clerk