



## **SGVCOG Capital Projects & Construction Committee June 25, 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 Messina lead the pledge of allegiance.

2. **Roll Call:**

In attendance was:

Juli Costanzo, San Gabriel, Chair

Jack Hadjinian, Montebello

Barbara Messina, SGVCOG, Alhambra

Hilda Solis, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor

Cory Moss, City of Industry

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

Victoria Butler

**Guests:**

Arturo Zapanta

Camille Ituralde

Edith Gonzales, LA County Board of Supervisors, District 1

John Burton, LA County Dept. Public Works

Keith Gillfillan, Moffatt & Nichol

Natasha De Benon, Ghirdelli Associates

Pierre Zaarour

Ricardo Mendoza, Lee Andrews Group

Stone Liu

3. **Public Comments** – Tenants from the ACE owned property on Puente Avenue addressed the Committee. Stone Lieu, tenant of 133-157 Puente reported concerns of conditions of the ACE owned property and submitted correspondence related to issues. Mr. Lieu expressed concerns with costs related to relocating his business and requested the Committee consider extension of existing leases due to potential financial implications with moving as a result of

the sale of the property. The owner of Diego Auto repair at 293 Montebello, an ACE owed property requested additional time to relocate. She indicated the business had heavy equipment and needed at least 9 additional months to move. Alex Soviento from 131-217 Puente requested the Committee's consideration for lease extension and thanked the Committee for consideration.

4. **Approval of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2018** – A motion was made by member Sandoval and seconded by member Messina to approve the May 14, 2018 Capital Projects and Construction Committee meeting minutes.  
M/S/Sandoval/Messina/Unanimous
5. **Chairman's Remarks** – Chairperson Costanzo reminded the Committee of the new Committee makeup in July. She thanked staff and the Committee for their commitment to this agency and the ACE projects.
6. **Member Comments** – There were no comments.
7. **Chief Engineers Monthly Report** – Mr. Christoffels reported that ACE was unsuccessful in its latest federal grant submission. He reported that a ceremony for the Temple Avenue train diversion dedication is scheduled for July 5<sup>th</sup> and invited the Committee to attend.
8. **Project Construction Progress Reports** – This item was pulled.
9. **Public Hearing to Consider Approval of Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Maple Avenue Pedestrian Overhead Structure Project in the City of Montebello** – Chair Costanzo opened the hearing. Mr. Christoffels explained that the majority of the ACE projects are statutorily exempt but the inclusion of the overhead pedestrian structure for this project was not and therefore required analysis of its impacts. He indicated that due to the high volume of pedestrian traffic at this crossing, most of which are students at a nearby school an overhead structure has been deemed necessary.

Mr. Christoffels reviewed the design options for the Maple Avenue Pedestrian Overhead Structure. Chair Costanzo opened public comment. There were no public comments and public comment period was closed.

The Committee discussed the design and Mr. Christoffels indicated the final design would be presented at a later meeting. Member Hadjinian reminded the committee that the Figure 3A was approved by the City of Montebello.

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Sandoval to approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Maple Avenue Pedestrian Overhead Structure in the City of Montebello.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Sandoval/Unanimous

10. **Approval of Project Definition Report and Initiation of Property Acquisition Activities for the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels reminded the Board that when the design reaches 35% property impacts are better identified and the

Committee is presented the project definition report. He reminded the Committee that there were 3 projects in the City of Montebello, the pedestrian overhead structure, the grade separation and the at-grade improvements. He reviewed the elements of the grade separation project which lowers the street and shifts the road slightly right. He indicated there were ten full and 12 partial property takes required for the project. He indicated the project was categorically exempt and was estimated to cost \$128 million. Mr. Christoffels addressed the public comment of Diego Auto Repair and indicated the property was not needed for another 1-1 ½ years when final design is expected to be complete. Member Messina asked if this project was fully funded and Mr. Christoffels indicated that it was.

Member Hadjinian discussed property street access and Mr. Christoffels indicated the project would result in access.

A motion was made to approve the Project Definition Report and Initiation of Property Acquisition Activities for the Montebello Blvd. Grade Separation project.

M/S/C/Hadjinian /Moss/Unanimous

11. **Approval of Authorization to Execute Project Baseline Agreement for the Southern California Rail Project** – Mr. Christoffels indicated that execution of this agreement was necessary for the California Transportation Commission to award \$49 million to the Montebello project and \$29 million to the Turnbull Canyon Road project. He indicated these funds were a part of the SB 1 program.

A motion was made to approve execution of the project baseline agreement for the Southern California Rail Project.

M/S/C/Solis / Hadjinian/Unanimous

12. **Approval of an Amendment to the Moffatt & Nichol Contract for Design Services for the Montebello Corridor Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels reminded the Committee that design tasks were approved in phases and this approval would move the design of the Montebello Corridor project through final design of the Montebello Boulevard grade crossing project.

A motion was made to authorize the Chief Engineer to execute an amendment to the design and engineering services agreement with Moffatt & Nichol and issue task order No. 4 for a not to exceed amount of \$7,581,100 for the final engineering services for the Montebello Blvd. grade separation project in the City of Montebello for a new contract value of \$13,763,568.

M/S/C //Unanimous

13. **Approval of Project Definition Report and Initiation of if Property Acquisition Activities for the Turnbull Canyon Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels indicated that the Project Definition Report summarizes the elements of the projects and identifies property requirements. He reported that 15 partial right of way acquisitions were required. He reviewed the accessibility of area businesses. Mr. Christoffels reported that this

project is CEQA exempt and that funding is available through Senate Bill 1 and MTA Measure R funds.

A motion was made by member Solis and seconded by member Moss to approve the Project Definition Report and initiation of property acquisition activities for the Turnbull Canyon Grade Separation Project.

M/S/C/Solis/Moss/Unanimous

14. **Approval of the Contract Amendment to HNTB Corporation for Design Services for the Final Design of the Turnbull Canyon Road Grade Separation Project** – A motion was made by member Moss and seconded by member Solis to authorize the Chief Engineer to execute an amendment to the Design and Engineering Services contract with HNTB Corporation (HNTB) and issue Task Order No. 2 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$4,694,040 for a new contract value of \$6,602,249 to complete Phase 2 (final engineering) for the Turnbull Canyon Road grade separation project.

M/S/C/Moss/Solis/Unanimous

15. **Approval of Declaration of Surplus Property located at 131-217 Puente Avenue, City of Industry, CA in connection with the Puente Avenue Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels indicated that ACE acquired this commercial property as part of the Puente Avenue grade separation project He indicated that at the time of acquisition ACE maintained leases with the tenants, now on month-to-month leases.

Mr. Christoffels reported that now that the project is complete, under Caltrans guidelines the property must be approved as surplus before a sale can begin. He indicated the property has been appraised for \$6 million. He reviewed the required steps for disposal. He indicated it must first be made available to governmental agencies for a minimum of 30 days and if no interest is made, thereafter it will be made available through the open market.

Mr. Christoffels addressed the concerns raised during public comment. He indicated staff was aware of tenants concerns of having to move as a result of the sale of the property along with month to month leases. He indicated he was seeking direction from the Committee. He proposed the possibility of ACE entering into longer lease agreements prior the property being sold. The Committee discussed the matter and agreed with the proposed recommendation of extending tenant leases for hardships for a term of up to two years.

A motion was made by member Solis and seconded by member Hadjinian to 131-217 Puente Avenue, City of Industry, CA as surplus and to extend the existing tenant leases up to two years.

M/S/C/Solis/Hadjinian/Unanimous

16. **Approval of the Declaration of Surplus Property located at 405 S. Del Mar Avenue, City of San Gabriel, in connection with the San Gabriel Trench Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels indicated this was the same scenario as the previous item. He indicated that this property has no tenants but has been used by contractor of the San Gabriel

Trench project. He indicated that an appraisal has not yet been conducted therefore a value of the property is not yet known.

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Moss to declare 405 S. Del Mar Avenue, City of San Gabriel, CA as surplus.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Moss/Unanimous

17. **Approval of Annual Support Services Task Orders and Amendments for Support Services** – Greg Murphy announced that due Burke, Williams Sorensen’s contract being a part of this discussion, he would excuse himself from participation and left the room. Mr. Christoffels reviewed the annual support services contractors and services provided to the ACE Project.

A motion was made to authorize the Chief Engineer to amend contracts or issue annual task orders for the following contracts for continuing support services form July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

- Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLC annual task order for \$836, 000;
- Capital Representation Group contract amendment for \$55,000;
- David Lang & Associates annual task order for \$76,189;
- Epic Land Solutions, Inc. annual task order for \$29, 181;
- HDR Engineering, Inc. annual task order for \$1,120,524;
- Ken Spiker & Associates contract amendment for \$65,000;
- LSA Associates, Inc. annual task order for \$869,481;
- Lee Andrews Group, Inc. annual task order for \$1,053,787;
- Lubka & White, LLP annual task order for \$100,000;
- Oliver Sandifer & Murphy annual task order for \$743,300;
- Paragon Partners, Ltd. Annual task order for \$1,097, 622;
- Prince Global Solutions, LP contract amendment for \$180,000;
- Stantec (formerly MWH Americas, Inc.) annual task order for \$505,040;
- Vazquez and Company annual task for \$42,344; and
- Wagner Engineering & Survey annual task order for \$20,187.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Solis/Unanimous

18. **Approval to Receive and File Closeout Update of Construction Contract with Griffith Company for the Nogales Street Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels reviewed the final contract value. He asked for a motion to receive and file the closeout of this contract.

A motion was made to receive and file the closeout update of construction contract with Griffith Company for the Nogales Street (L.A. Sub.) grade separation project.

M/S/C/Sandoval/Hadjinian/Unanimous

19. **Approval to Receive and File Quarterly Financial, Audit, and Investment Reports** – Mr. Christoffels presented the quarterly financial, audit and investment reports to the Committee. There were no comments or questions.

A motion was made by member Solis and seconded by member Moss to receive and file a report on the ACE Project Quarterly Financial, Audit, and Investment Reports for the period from January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018.

M/S/C/Solis/Moss/Unanimous

20. **Approval to Change Board Meeting Place** – Mr. Christoffels indicated that due to the increase in Committee members in July, a larger meeting space is needed. He reported that the City of West Covina has offered its facility at no cost.

A motion was made by member Solis and seconded by Chair Costanzo to approve an alternate meeting location of West Covina Community Center 1444 West Garvey Avenue, West Covina effective July 23, 2018, re-affirm that the meeting time shall remain at noon.

M/S/C/Solis/Costanzo/Unanimous

21. **Closed Session** – Greg Murphy announced the Committee would adjourn to closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9 to discuss existing litigation, ACE vs R3K Partners, et. al, Superior Court Case No. BC 572601.

The Committee returned to open session and Mr. Murphy reported that Supervisor Solis departed prior to discussion. He indicated the remaining Committee members unanimously approved to direct staff to pursue a settlement.

22. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:24pm. The next meeting will be held on July 23, 2018.

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Deanna Stanley  
Clerk