



SGVCOG Capital Projects & Construction Committee January 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Chair Martinez called the meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Capital Projects and Construction Committee to order at 12:02PM at the City of West Covina Community Center.

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

2. **Roll Call:**

In attendance was:

Victoria Muela, Chair, City of El Monte

Cory Moss, City of Industry

Hilda Solis, LA County Board of Supervisor

Jack Hadjinian, City of Montebello

Juli Costanzo, City of San Gabriel

Nancy Lyons, City of Diamond Bar

Teresa Real-Sebastian, City of Monterey Park

Tim Hepburn, City of La Verne

Tim Sandoval, City of Pomona

Staff:

Mark Christoffels, Chief Engineer

Gregory Murphy, Burke Williams & Sorensen, legal counsel

Amy Hanson

Edward Villanueva

Mark Mendoza, Paragon Partners

Paul Hubler

Ricky Choi

Stefanie Hernandez

Guests:

Cynthia Marian, Oliver Sandifer & Murphy

Joshua Nelson, CNC Engineering

Josh Burton, LACDPW

Sam Pedroza, City of Industry

Art Correa, LACDPW

Shelly McCarthy, EXP

Derek Benedict, EXP

Frank Lopez, Monterey Park

Natasha De Benon, Ghirdelli Associates

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

4. **Approval of the Capital Projects & Construction Committee Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2018** – A motion was made by member Solis, and seconded by member Sandoval to approve the meeting minutes of December 17, 2018.

M/S/C/Solis/Sandoval/Unanimous Abstentions: Hadjinian

5. **Chairwoman's Remarks** – Chairwoman Muela wished everyone a Happy New Year, and reported she is looking forward to prospective new projects for ACE.
6. **Member Comments** – A Committee member raised a question regarding an agenda item that was pulled from the last Governing Board meeting that stated only the Chairs of each of the standing SGVCOG Committees would be attending a lobbying trip to Washington, DC. Mark Christoffels responded with a detailed explanation regarding that memorandum and the reasons for diverting from past DC trips that allowed for a larger Committee (formerly ACE Board) attendance.

In a brief discussion about Mark Christoffels' response, some Committee members expressed concerns that the change would mean that the advocacy for the projects being undertaken by the CP&C Committee would be diminished in effectiveness and that larger representation in DC from the CP&C Committee was necessary to make a statement to our Congressional Members the importance of their projects and associated grant applications.

It was requested that staff share these concerns with the Governing Board

7. **Chief Engineer's Monthly Report** – Mr. Christoffels reported that our INFRA grant application is being prepared in conjunction with the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. He reported that in March, he will be showing an informational presentation to the Committee on the grant application process, and is in the process of arranging a ports tour for Committee members.

Mr. Christoffels announced that the contract with Simplex Management that was approved at the December Committee was not executed as the agreement terms could not be met. He indicated that the workload would be rearranged among current staff until the recruitment is complete.

8. **Project Construction Progress Reports** – Charles Tsang, Senior Project Manager reviewed progress photos for the Fairway Drive grade separation project. Mr. Christoffels presented on the progress at the Fullerton Road grade separation project.
9. **Approval of Agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to Perform Services for Construction Improvements at the SR 57/60 Interchange** – Mr. Christoffels indicated that construction costs for this project are budgeted under Measure M for fiscal year 2025. He reported that completion of design is expected next year, and that staff is currently working with the Metro to receive funds earlier than 2025 to start construction. He reported that costs related to this project would be reimbursed by Metro.

A motion was made by Member Hadjinian, and seconded by Member Solis to approve an agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to perform services for construction improvements at the SR57/60 interchange.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Solis/Unanimous

10. **Approval to Receive and File Quarterly Project Progress Reports** – Mr. Christoffels reported on the current project construction statuses. He reported that a groundbreaking ceremony for the Durfee Avenue project is in the process of being organized, that Fairway Drive construction is 35% complete, and that Montebello construction is scheduled for 2020. He reported that the 57/60 design is 35% complete, and Rio Hondo design is 20% complete. He reported there is no construction date set for Rio Hondo as we are awaiting the passing of Measure W. He reported that the Bike Share proposals are due and that a contract award will be brought to the Committee in February.

Mr. Christoffels reported that the cost of the current grade separations are \$1.75 million, leaving the agency with a \$6.2million deficiency before counting our current property assets, which will remove the deficiency when sold.

11. **Approval to Receive and File Quarterly Mitigation Monitoring Reports** – A motion was made by Member Lyons, and seconded by Member Hadjinian to receive and file the Quarterly Project Progress Reports and the Quarterly Mitigation Monitoring Reports.

M/S/C/Lyons/Hadjinian/Unanimous

12. **Closed Session: The Committee will adjourn to closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 549 to discuss existing litigation (three cases):**

Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority v. Rowland Ranch Properties, et al., LASC Case No. BC 629037; and

Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority v. Majestic Properties, et al. LASC Case No. 527310; and

SGVCOG v. GP Johnson Holdings LLC, et al. LASC Case No. BC6666437

The Committee returned to open session and Mr. Murphy announced that for each of the three litigation items, the Committee gave unanimous direction to staff to offer settlement on terms as per the briefings given by staff and legal counsel. He reported that if a settlement was reached and approved by the court in any or all of the three matters, documents would be available for public view at the Irwindale COG office.

13. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:27PM. The next meeting will be held on February 25, 2019.

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Amy Hanson
Assistant Committee Clerk