



## SGVCOG Capital Projects & Construction Committee Approved Minutes July 27, 2020

**Call to Order:** Chairman Sandoval called the meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Capital Projects and Construction Committee to order remotely via Zoom and livestreamed via YouTube on July 27, 2020 at 12:02 p.m.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance** – C. Moss led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

Present:

Tim Sandoval, Chair, Pomona  
Nancy Lyons, Vice Chair, Diamond Bar  
Jack Hadjinian, Montebello  
Tim Hepburn, LaVerne  
Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena  
Cory Moss, Industry  
Becky Shevlin, Monrovia  
Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City

Absent:

Jerry Velasco, El Monte  
Hilda Solis, County of Los Angeles

Staff:

M. Christoffels, Chief Engineer  
David DeBerry, legal counsel  
Deanna Stanley  
Amy Gilbert

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

**4. Approval of Capital Projects and Construction Committee Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2020 and June 22, 2020** – A motion was made by T. Hepburn and seconded by N. Lyons to approve the minutes of June 1, 2020 and June 22, 2020.

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

**5. Chairman Remarks** – Chairman Sandoval thanked the staff for the recent Bike share event.

**6. Member Comments** – T. Hepburn thanked South El Monte and SGVCOG staff for the successful Bikeshare launch. A channel 7 ABC News video clip was played covering the South El Monte Bikeshare event.

7. **Chief Engineer's Monthly Report** – M. Christoffels thanked Kevin Jones, President of Prince Global Solutions who has worked as the federal lobbyist for the ACE project since 1999. Paul Hubler and other members also extended his appreciation to Mr. Jones. Kevin Jones addressed the Committee and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to represent the agency.
8. **Project Progress Reports** – Mr. Christoffels reviewed temporary crossing work at Durfee Avenue project and construction activities for the railroad bridge for the Fairway Drive grade separation project.
9. **Adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Proposed Modification to the Diamond Bar Golf Course Need for the Proposed Improvements at the SR-57/60 Interchange** – Mr. Christoffels explained the SGVCOG was selected by Metro to undertake tasks necessary for improvements on the SR-57/60 interchange. He indicated the widening and ramp construction will require 10 acres of the Diamond Bar golf course, owned by the County of Los Angeles. He indicated the Mitigated Negative Declaration was published for public comments and three were received and responded to. The Committee discussed the item at length.

A motion was made by N. Lyons and seconded by D. Mahmud to adopt the mitigated negative declaration and mitigation monitoring program for the proposed modification to the Diamond Bar Golf Course needed for the proposed improvements at the SR-57/60 interchange.

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

Nays: None      Abstain: None

10. **Approval of Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for proposed modification to the to the Diamond Bar Golf Course** – Mr. Christoffels indicated the agreement with the County of Los Angeles outlines the project responsibilities relative to the golf course modification. He indicated the agreement was a collaborative effort of LA County legal counsel and the SGVCOG's general counsel. He indicated after approval from the Committee, the agreement will need approval from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors at their September meeting. D. Mahmud expressed concerns over lack of specificity in Exhibit B. She indicated methodology for reimbursements and appropriate level of compensation should be better addressed to prevent disputes between the SGVCOG and the County. The matter was discussed at length.

After discussion, a motion was made by D. Mahmud and seconded by C. Moss to approve the agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the Proposed Modifications to the Diamond Bar Golf Course subject to further modification of exhibit B to provide greater clarity and detail regarding the basis for calculating the County's loss revenue during closure.

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

Nays: None      Abstain: None

**11. Approval of Betterment Agreement with County of Los Angeles for the Proposed Modification to the Diamond Bar Golf Course Needed for the Proposed Improvements at the SR-57/60 Interchange** – Mr. Christoffels explained that the County saw the opportunity to implement needed irrigation improvements during the work on the golf course project. He reminded the committee that this was outside of the scope of work required for the 57/60 project and as such, was a betterment. Betterment work is paid for by the requesting agency in its entirety.

A motion was made by T. Hepburn and seconded by N. Lyons to approve the Betterment Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the Proposed Modification to the Diamond Bar Golf Course Needed for the Proposed Improvements at the SR 57/60 Interchange.

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

Nays: None      Abstain: None

**12. Approval of a Construction Management Services Contract with Anser Advisory, LLC for the Turnbull Canyon Road Grade Separation Project** – M Christoffels reminded the Committee that each project construction management is necessary to assist with the constructability review and oversight of construction. Mr. Christoffels indicated work on the Turnbull Canyon Road grade separation will begin next year in accordance with new methodology we are bringing pre-negotiated task order construction to begin next year. A motion was made by T. Hepburn and seconded by C. Moss to authorize the Chief Engineer to execute a construction management services contract with Anser Advisory, LLC for an initial task order in a not-to-exceed amount of \$140,000 for the for the Turnbull Canyon Road Grade Separation Project.

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

Nays: None      Abstain: None

**13. Approval of Contract Amendment with Biggs Cardosa Associates for Design Support Services for the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project** – M. Christoffels reminded the Committee that there are ongoing negotiations with the construction contractor for the Fullerton Road project to terminate the contract. He indicated the designer or record is Biggs Cardosa who will be needed for the duration of the construction to review submittals, respond to questions and assist with the unknowns during construction. He also reminded the committee that the designer will need to help with updated plans, adjust quantities and documents necessary to put the construction RFP out to bid. The matter was discussed at length. D. Mahmud asked that due to the delay will the COG be responsible for any costs and Mr. Christoffels indicated the SGVCOG would not. After discussion, a motion was made by T. Hepburn and seconded by T. Sandoval to approve the contract amendment with Biggs Cardosa Associates for Design Services for the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project in an amount not to exceed \$2,498,884 for a new contract value of \$13,919,883.

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

**14. Approval to Receive and File 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Project Progress and Mitigation Monitoring Reports** – M. Christoffels reviewed the quarterly reports. A motion was made by C. Moss and seconded by N. Lyons to receive and file the quarterly reports.

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

**15. Closed Session** – Legal Counsel announced the Committee would adjourn to closed session to discuss San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments v. Jack in the Box Inc. and TBS Foods Inc.; Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 707971.

The Committee returned to open session and legal counsel announced there was no reportable action taken by the Committee.

**16. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m. The next meeting will be held remotely via Zoom on YouTube live on September 28, 2020.

**COMMITTEE APPROVED** 09/28/2020

*Deanna Stanley*

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Clerk of the Committee