



SGVCOG Capital Projects & Construction Committee Approved Minutes February 22, 2021

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 February 22, 2021 at noon.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Scarlet Peralta led the pledge of allegiance.

2. **Roll Call**

Present:

Tim Sandoval, Chair, Pomona
Nancy Lyons, Vice Chair, Diamond Bar
Becky Shevlin, Monrovia
Cory Moss, Industry
Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena
Hilda Solis, LA County
Margaret Clark, SGVCOG, Rosemead
Maria Morales, El Monte
Scarlet Peralta, Montebello
Tim Hepburn, LaVerne

Staff:

Eric Shen, Director of Capital Projects
Marisa Creter, Executive Director
David DeBerry, General Counsel
Deanna Stanley, Admin. Service Mgr.
Amy Gilbert, Management Analyst
Andres Ramirez, Senior Project Manager
Caitlin Sims, Principal Management Analyst
Charles Tsang, Senior Project Manager
Paul Hubler, Director Gov/Community Relations
Rene Coronel, Project Manager

Guests

Sam Pedroza, City of Industry

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

4. **Chairman Remarks** – Chairman Sandoval announced that he was recently appointed as representative of the San Gabriel Valley to the Metro Board and other committees. He indicated he requested Mary Lou Echternach to arrange a presentation to the Committee regarding Metro's experience with construction projects.

5. **Member Comments** – Members shared comments on vaccination experiences.

6. **Director of Capital Projects Monthly Report** – E. Shen reported that proposals were under review for the Vehicle Miles Traveled fee structure study and staff expects to present its recommendation at the April or May Governing Board meeting. He indicated the grant application for active transportation funds for the LaVerne Gold Line pedestrian bridge was unsuccessful but staff will continue to seek funding opportunities for this project. Staff is also reviewing proposals for the public outreach program for the 57/60 project and will bring a recommendation for a contract award to the committee at the March meeting. Mr. Shen reviewed contract authorization changes as outlined in the report. The Committee thanked staff for revising the report. M. Mahmud asked that future reports include completion dates for the projects.
7. **Project Progress Reports** – C. Tsang reviewed the construction progress photos of the Fairway Drive grade separation project that included placement of railroad ties. He explained the process for concrete demolition and repurposing it for road base material and the requirements of road material for this area due to heavily loaded truck traffic. R. Coronel reviewed construction photos of the Durfee Avenue grade separation project that included placing waterproof membrane on the bridge. Other activities included 40 ft. cast in drill hole pile driving in preparation for the roadway retaining wall, grading for railroad tracks and upcoming construction and replacement of 48-inch sewer lines. R. Coronel reminded the committee that the project is on schedule and that when faced with utility delays staff re-sequenced work to keep the project moving forward. D. Mahmud suggested in the event of utility challenges, that the Executive Director should write an appropriate executive at the utility while also not ruling out sending a letter to the CPUC.
8. **Approval of Capital Projects and Construction Committee Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2021** – A motion was made by H. Solis and seconded by T. Hepburn to approve the minutes.

Ayes: T. Sandoval, N. Lyons, B. Shevlin, C. Moss, D. Mahmud, H. Solis, M. Clark, M. Morales, S. Peralta, T. Hepburn
Nays: None Abstain: None

9. **Approval to Establish and Appoint a Capital Projects Ad Hoc Committee to Examine ACE Program Costs and Funding** – P. Hubler indicated that as a result of previous concerns raised regarding ACE project costs and funding, staff is recommending forming a temporary ad hoc working group that will examine ACE project cost increases and funding sources. The Committee would not take action but instead bring back information to the committee in April. E. Chair Sandoval noted that there was an error in the staff report stating that the Executive Director would appoint the committee. He indicated the Capital Projects Committee would designate members and that there could be more than three members. Members expressed interest in serving on the Ad Hoc committee meeting and it was agreed that four members would serve.


After discussion a motion was made by N. Lyons and seconded by B. Shevlin to establish a Capital Projects Ad Hoc Committee to examine ACE Project costs and funding and appoint

the following members to serve on the Committee: Diana Mahmud, Nancy Lyons, Scarlett Peralta, and Tim Hepburn.

Ayes: T. Sandoval, N. Lyons, B. Shevlin, C. Moss, D. Mahmud, H. Solis, M. Clark, M. Morales, S. Peralta, T. Hepburn

Nays: None Abstain: None

- 10. Receive and File Update on Construction Management Services Contract with AECOM for the Montebello Blvd. Grade Separation Project** – E. Shen indicated as a result of feedback from the Committee at the January meeting, staff reviewed the practicability and financial implications of the contractor providing utility coordination for the Montebello grade separation project as opposed to internal staff. He indicated the utility coordinator position will be backfilled. He reported that that task order 1 with AECOM expired on January 31, 2021 and though funds remain in their budget, work needs to continue. Staff has asked AECOM for a revised cost estimate reducing efforts on utility coordination and eliminating it once the internal position is filled. Staff will bring a recommendation to the Committee in March.
- 11. Closed Session** – Legal counsel announced the Committee would adjourn to closed session to discuss anticipated litigation in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) (two potential cases).
- 12. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m. The next meeting will be held remotely via Zoom on YouTube live on February 22, 2021 at noon.

Prepared by: 
Deanna Stanley, Clerk of the Committee