



SGVCOG Capital Projects & Construction Committee Approved Minutes January 25, 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 January 25, 2021 at 12:01p.m.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – N. Lyons 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

Larry Lubka, Lubka & White, LLP
Sam Pedroza, City of Industry

3. **Public Comment** – D. Stanley announced that Natasha DeBenon from Ghirardilli Associates submitted a comment to welcome Eric Shen in his new role as Director of Capital Projects.

4. **Chairman Remarks** – Chairman welcomed new members Maria Morales of El Monte and Scarlet Peralta of Montebello.

5. **Member Comments** – There were no comments.

6. **Director of Capital Projects Monthly Report** – E. Shen announced an RFP for the San Gabriel Transit study was issued in November and proposals are due on January 27. He indicated staff is expecting to bring forth a recommendation for the Committee’s review and approval at its March meeting. The Committee discussed at length change order approval authorizations, project delays and increase in project costs. The Committee requested staff provide more comprehensive details on all projects at its February or March meeting regarding project schedules, remaining work to complete current project, related costs and sources of funding. H. Solis requested staff poll other agencies for levels of approvals.
7. **Project Progress Reports** – R. Coronel presented construction progress photos for the Durfee Avenue grade separation project that included bridge construction, curb and gutter installation for New Street, excavation and pump station construction. C. Tsang presented construction progress photos for the Fairway Drive grade separation project that included ongoing waterproofing the bridge deck, installation of ballast and installation of side panels on the railroad bridge and installation of spur tracks.
8. **Approval of Capital Projects and Construction Committee Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2020** – A motion was made by H. Solis and seconded by N. Lyons 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

Nayes: None Abstain: None

9. **Approval of Task Order No. 1 Revision to AECOM for Montebello Blvd. Grade Separation Project** – E. Shen reviewed the request for approval of the task order revision for AECOM. D. Mahmud raised concerns of the extensive delays and cost increases for this project. The matter was discussed at length. A. Ramirez reported various factors attributed to the need to revise the task order including the expiration of the contract, extensive delays in Union Pacific approvals that resulting in re-sequencing work outside of the railroad right of way, as well as utility coordination which was previously performed by staff. H. Solis requested staff examine ways to recover delays costs associated with Union Pacific including submitting a formal request to the Union Pacific, which was done in the past. D. Mahmud requested a breakdown of the percentage of change order associated with utility coordination.

After discussion a motion was made by B. Shevlin and seconded by H. Solis to bring this item back to the committee for consideration in February to include a more comprehensive explanation details of scope of work and costs.

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

Nayes: None Abstain: None

10. **Approval of Quarterly Project Progress Reports** – E. Shen reviewed quarterly project reports. He reported the at-grade safety project in Pomona is in final design. The Durfee

Avenue grade separation project is on schedule and the Union Pacific will move its tracks onto the new bridge shortly. The Fairway Drive grade separation project is at 65% completion and is expected to be complete by 2023. The Fullerton Road grade separation project currently has no construction activities and there is 39% of work remaining to complete the project. The Montebello Corridor project is in final design. The SR 57/60 Project is at 85% design. The bike share project launched in Baldwin Park and South El Monte is on hold due to notice from Gotcha regarding its bankruptcy. Staff is preparing a revised scope and examining next steps to the bike share program obligations. D. Mahmud requested revisions to the quarterly reports to include budgets and specific funding sources. D. Mahmud asked staff to consider utilizing retirees of public agencies for utility coordination efforts. Discussion ensued regarding the project shortfall. N. Lyons requested additional detail on additional funding sources such as property sales Union Pacific contributions, Section 130 and Measure M. E. Shen indicated the amount of property sales was not enough to cover the overall shortfall. She indicated a more comprehensive report will be helpful for the Committee to determine the amount of funding compared to the expenditures of the projects. The Committee agreed additional information should be provided by staff.

A motion was made by N. Lyons and seconded by H. Solis to receive and file the quarterly report.

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

- 11. Approval Quarterly Mitigation Monitoring Outreach Reports** – P. Hubler indicated mitigation monitoring is ongoing for all of the projects in construction. There were no questions.

A motion was made by member C. Moss and seconded by T. Hepburn to receive and file the quarterly mitigation monitoring reports.

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

- 12. 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) (one potential case) and conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9 (one potential case), settlement negotiations relating to termination of construction contract with Shimmick Construction.

The Committee reconvened and legal counsel announced the Committee directed staff to send notice of contract termination to Gotcha Mobility for the SGVCOG Bike Share Program. No other reportable action was taken.

13. 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