



Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority

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ACE Construction Authority Board of Directors Meeting June 5, 2017 Minutes

Chairperson Costanzo called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority to order at 11:02AM at the San Gabriel City Hall Council Chambers.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** –Vice Chair Martinez led the pledge of allegiance.

2. **Roll Call:** Chairperson Costanzo asked Mr. Christoffels to call the roll.

In attendance was:

Juli Costanzo, San Gabriel, Chair

Victoria Martinez, El Monte, Vice Chair

Barbara Messina, SGVCOG

Tim Sandoval, Pomona

Hilda Solis, LA County Board of Supervisors

Staff:

Mark Christoffels, CEO

Gregory Murphy, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, legal counsel

Deanna Stanley

Amy Hanson

Charles Tsang

Genichi Kanow

Paul Hubler

Phil Balmeo

Rachel Korkos

Ricky Choi

Victoria Butler

Nathan Bocanegra

Guests:

Bill Swindle, LA County Department of Public Works

David Eames, AECOM

J. Titus, Walsh Construction

John Burton, LA County Department of Public Works

Joshua Nelson, City of Industry

Talin Espinoza, Twinning, Inc.

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

4. **Approval of April 25, 2017 Board meeting minutes** – A motion was made by Vice Chair Martinez and seconded by member Sandoval to approve the April 25, 2017 regular Board meeting minutes.

M/S/C/Sandoval/Martinez/Unanimous

5. **Approval to receive and file the Finance Committee meeting minutes of April 27, 2017** – A motion was made by member Martinez and seconded by member Messina to receive and file the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2017.

M/S/C/Martinez/Messina/Unanimous

6. **Chairman Remarks** – Chairman Costanzo thanked Paul Hubler for arranging and participating in Coalition for Gateway Cities in Washington. Member Martinez acknowledged the productive meetings and the importance of consistency of bringing the ACE message to Washington. She indicated the message was bringing funding for infrastructure to California.

Member Hadjinian arrived and reaffirmed that the meetings, particularly that held with the Department of Transportation was extremely productive.

7. **Board Member Comments** – There were no additional board member comments.
8. **Chief Executive Officer's Report** – Mr. Christoffels reported on the recent Safety Project of the Year award ACE received for the Nogales Street grade separation project. He also updated the Board on his meeting with a local union representative regarding project labor agreements. He indicated staff would present an overview of the ACE Small Business Enterprise (SBE) at the next meeting. Member Solis indicated both Metro and LA County are carrying community workforce investment programs. She reminded the Board this is the way to empower communities and provide career ladders with tremendous economic investments.
9. **Construction Progress Reports** – Charles Tsang reviews progress photos of the Fairway Drive grade separation project that included county storm drain line reinforce concrete box construction, retaining wall rebar and foundation wall installation for the Fairway project and foundation pour of the eastbound off ramp at Lemon Avenue. Victoria Butler reviews project progress photos of the Fullerton Road grade separation project that included the pedestrian bridge delivery, pump station construction and work at the underpass of the 60 freeway. Genichi Kanow reviews project progress photos of the Puente Avenue grade separation project that included installation of cast in drill hole piles and installation of pavement on Puente Ave. Phil Balmeo reviewed project progress photos of the San Gabriel Trench project that included pavement rehabilitation work on Del Mar, Agostino, and California Avenues and East Main Street.
10. **Hearing on Resolution of Necessity No. 17-01, 9358 Stephens Street, Pico Rivera.** – Gregory Murphy explained the process for the Resolutions of Necessity. He reminded the Board that the hearing was to determine several factors related to the necessity of the properties for the project. He indicated staff must present

evidence for the Board to find that the property was necessary for the project and was planned in the manner most compatible with the greatest public good.

Mark Mendoza reviewed the design options and evaluation criteria considered. He indicated the preferred option was building an underpass that would permit Durfee Avenue to go under the Union Pacific railroad tracks. He indicated the property at 9358 Stephens Street in Pico Rivera required a 271 square foot permanent roadway easement, a 780 square foot permanent retaining wall easement, a 3,402 square foot permanent ingress/egress easement and a 25,085 130 week temporary construction easement. Mr. Christoffels reminded the board that approval of the Resolution of Necessity would not cease negotiations but would allow staff to pursue legal actions should the parties not be able to reach an agreement.

The public comment period was opened and there were no comments. The public comment period was closed.

A motion was made by member Martinez and seconded by member Hadjinian to adopt the Resolution of Necessity No. 17-01. Mr. Christoffels called the vote:

Ayes: Costanzo, Martinez, Hadjinian, Messina, Sandoval, Solis

Nayes: None

11. **Approval of Fiscal Year 2018 Budget** – Mr. Christoffels reviewed the elements of the overall budget. He reminded the board that the current budget was expected to be \$40 million below what was approved for fiscal year 2017. He indicated the level of construction did not meet expectations with Fairway and Fullerton experiencing weather related delays. He outlined the proposed 2018 budget, which is 12% higher than the prior year's budget. Mr. Christoffels indicated he expected construction to move at a more rapid pace than last year. He reminded the board that the budget is a window of 12 months of anticipated expenditures and that funds for the current projects in construction are secure.

A motion was made to approve the ACE Fiscal Year 2018 annual budget.

M/S/C/Martinez/Solis/Unanimous

12. **Receive and File Re-Procurement of Durfee Avenue Construction Management Services** – Mr. Christoffels reported that the Durfee Avenue construction management contract was awarded to Parsons Brinckerhoff, now WSP, in 2015. He indicated construction has been delayed and the firm cannot commit to the same staffing proposed as awarded. He indicated staff has had discussions with the firm who has agreed the best course of action is to re-procure for these services. He reminded the Board that WSP is working on the Fairway project.

A motion was made to receive and file the report to re-procure construction management services for the Durfee Avenue grade separation project.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Martinez/Unanimous

13. **Approval of Amendment to Design Services Contract with URS for the Durfee Avenue Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels reported that the scope of work for this project has changed due to design revisions to minimize the right of way impacts, necessary soil testing, new plats and legals and, additional administrative support. He indicated that the funds for this increase are available through Federal and Metro grants. He requested approval so ACE may move forward with these changes.

A motion was made to authorize Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with URS Corporation to add \$391,605 for additional services for the Durfee Avenue grade separation, for a new contact value of \$5,992,522.

M/S/C/Solis/Martinez/Unanimous


14. **Approval of Revised Board of Directors Meeting Schedule** – Discussion ensued and after discussion a motion was made to change the regular meeting schedule time to noon.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Martinez/Unanimous

15. **Closed Session** – Legal Counsel announced that the Board would adjourn to closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956 to discuss pending litigation, ACE vs. Lina Bazzarrini, et. al; LA Superior Court Case No. BC603270.

The Board returned to open session and legal counsel announced that the Board was briefed on the case and no reportable action was taken.

16. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 12:21PM in memory of former La Canada Flintridge Councilmember and long-time San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Board member David Spence.

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Deanna Stanley
Clerk of the Board