



SGVCOG Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes

Date: April 15, 2019

Time: 12:00 P.M.

Location: Monrovia Community Center
119 West Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by P. Wray at 12:12 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. P. Wray led the Public Works TAC in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call

Public Works TAC Members Present

P. Wray; Arcadia
R. Delgadillo; Azusa
D. Liu; Diamond Bar
S. Mendez; El Monte
J. Nelson; Industry
R. Ramos, D. Co, A. Hanna; Irwindale
D. Keeseey, A. Ciotti; La Verne
F. Lopez; Monterey Park
R. Guerrero; Pomona
K. Patel, S. Garwick; San Dimas
M. Heredia; South El Monte
A. Avery; Temple City
P. Doudar, A. Ross, J. Yang, J. Lu, M. Adhami,
A. Saraiya; LACDPW

Public Works TAC Members Absent

Claremont
Glendora
Monrovia
San Gabriel
San Marino
South Pasadena
West Covina

Guests

V. Sedagat; Geo-Advantec	C. Palmer; NCE
G. Jaquez; MNS Engineers	D. Johnson; Project Partners
S. Ahmad; SA Associates	D. Cadena; WKE, Inc.
B. McCullough, T. Choe; System Metrics Group	S. Sharma, E. Moon, C. Chen; LA Metro
V. Davidian; Iteris, Inc.	S. Abegunrin; SAA Associates
F. Alamolhoda; LAE Associates	J. Beshay; City of Baldwin Park

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter
P. Balmeo
P. Duyshart

4. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Review Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes: 03/18/2019

There was a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. (M/S: K. Patel/R. Delgadillo).

[Motion Passed]

Ayes	Arcadia, Azusa, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Industry, Irwindale, La Verne, Monterey Park, Pomona, San Dimas, South El Monte, Temple City, LA County DPW
Noes	
Abstain	
Absent	Claremont, Glendora, Monrovia, San Gabriel, San Marino, South Pasadena, West Covina

PRESENTATIONS

6. Regional Public Works Lookahead

Phil Doudar, who is a Deputy Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Works (LACDPW), provided a presentation on this matter to the Public Works TAC. The purpose of this presentation was to provide TAC members with an overview and lookahead at what the priorities of LA County Public Works are moving forward. During his presentation, Mr. Doudar shared the County’ plans for operations and projects in the following service areas:

- Transportation
 - Vision Zero
 - Gas tax revenue
- Water Resources
 - Measure W
- Solid Waste
 - Legislation
- Plastic Waste
- Homelessness
- Climate Change

Throughout his presentation, Mr. Doudar stressed the importance of collaboration and partnerships with key stakeholders throughout the region on these challenges issues, projects, and policy areas, and emphasized how the County must work with local cities to address these complex challenges.

7. San Gabriel Trench Grade Separation Project Overview

Phillip Balmeo, who is a Senior Project Manager with the SGVCOG and the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Project, delivered this presentation. Throughout the presentation, he described the technical construction process of the San Gabriel Trench Grade Separation Project to members of the TAC, specifically with regards to how the 1.4-mile trench for a segment of freight railroad was dug out.

Mr. Balmeo discussed how activities related to this project began in 2012; these pre-construction activities included a very thorough archaeological excavation across the street from the San Gabriel Mission, which is just north of this rail corridor. Construction activities on this 2.2-mile grade separation project then began in Spring 2014; construction activities included the lowering of a 1.4-mile section of the Union Pacific railroad track in a 30-foot-deep, 65-footwide east-west trench. Other significant infrastructure that was part of this project included new roadway bridges at Ramona Street, Mission Road, Del Mar Avenue, and San Gabriel Boulevard, as well as shoofly construction and an at-grade crossing modification at Walnut Grove Avenue. The ACE Project and its construction and engineering partners also

had to modify 2 drainage channels, relocate and install substantial utilities, and complete roadway maintenance.

The project resulted in a plethora of positive impacts upon completion in September 2018. The grade separation reduces traffic by 1,744 vehicle-hours of delay for almost 90,000 motorists per day. The project also addresses safety, as, over a 10-year period, ten collisions have been recorded at the four crossings of this railroad segment, two of which resulted in fatalities. Moreover, this trench enables emergency responders and vehicles to respond more quickly to calls on either side of the tracks, as large freight trains will no longer block these key north-south roads.

Additionally, this project was just recently selected as the California Transportation Foundation Project of the Year for the CTF's 30th Annual Transportation Awards for its innovative construction methods and its benefits related to safety and economics.

UPDATE ITEMS

8. Metro "Measure Up! Arterial Performance Measurement" Pilot Program Extension

LA Metro staff, including S. Sharma, E. Moon, and C. Chen, began this presentation by providing a bit of background on the "Measure Up!" program, which was launched in January 2018. The purpose of this Countywide Baseline Conditions Analysis program is to evaluate the performance of arterial throughout LA County to develop a countywide in support of the Arterial Performance Measurement Framework. This arterial conditions and performance analysis program will provide local jurisdictions with quantitative data and information which can inform these municipalities and communities for future transportation projects and traffic planning and engineering, and the greatest arterial system needs. This pilot program is meant to evaluate and test an Arterial Performance Monitoring Tool to assess arterial network performance in one of the nine subregions in Los Angeles County. The monitoring tool is the iPeMS system, and the traffic arterials data is obtained from INRIX 3rd Party Speed Data, according to the LA Metro staffers. Sharma, Moon, and Chen all announced that the Measure Up! pilot program has now been extended through August 2019, and that the pilot now includes real-time arterial performance data for all sub-regionals of LA County.

The rest of the presentation consisted of a thorough demonstration of the Measure Up! iPeMS monitoring tool, and this demonstration was led by Tom Choe of System Metrics Group, a consultant on the project. The demonstration was conducted to enable cities to learn how to access the tool and its data. This tool is free for cities to use until the pilot program ends.

9. Metro Active Transportation (MAT) 2% Program – Update

Marisa Creter, who is the Executive Director of the SGVCOG, presented this item to the Planning TAC. She discussed the components of Metro's Active Transportation Program, including available funds for this program, which is funded through Measure M, as well as the prioritization criteria that Metro has established in order to select First-Last Mile and Active Transportation projects from priority corridors. She also mentioned how, once the highest scoring projects are identified, Metro plans to solicit interest from the jurisdictions in which each of the respective projects are located, including local support, local commitments, and the capacity for coalition-building. Projects which are determined to have buy-in from the jurisdictions will move forward with the funding award process, and receive funding for the project. The project will be implemented within the cycle timeframe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

D. Liu announced that the next Public Works TAC meeting will be a joint meeting with the SGVCOG's Energy Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. The purpose of this joint committee meeting is to accommodate time for members of the both SGVCOG committees to hear about, and provide substantive feedback for, the CPUC's new Decarbonization Rulemaking Proceedings. The CPUC will be represented by its president, Michael J. Picker.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.