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## SGVCOG Capital Projects & Construction Committee Unapproved Minutes

**Date:** October 28, 2019  
**Time:** 12:00 PM  
**Location:** West Covina Community Center, 1444 West Garvey Avenue South, West Covina, CA 91791

### Call to Order

Committee Vice Chair Sandoval called the meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Capital Projects and Construction Committee to order at 12:00PM at the West Covina Community Center.

#### 1. Pledge of Allegiance

J. Costanzo led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. Roll Call

A quorum was in attendance.

##### Present:

Becky Shevlin, Monrovia  
Cathy Marcucci, Industry  
Hilda Solis, LA BOS  
Jack Hadjinian, Montebello  
Juli Costanzo, San Gabriel  
Nancy Lyons, Diamond Bar  
Tim Hepburn, La Verne  
Tim Sandoval, Pomona

##### Absent:

Cory Moss, Industry  
Cynthia Sternquist, SGVCOG President  
Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena  
Victoria Muela, El Monte

##### Staff:

Mark Christoffels, Chief Engineer  
Amy Gilbert  
Andres Ramirez  
Paul Hubler  
Philip Balmeo

##### Guests:

Anh Case, EXP  
Cindy Marian, Oliver Sandifer & Murphy  
Fadi Rassam, Citadel CPM  
Garrett Montoya, DHS Consulting  
Jim Simon, WSP  
Joshua Nelson, Industry  
Ju Kim, EXP

The SGVCOG's Capital Project and Construction Committee consists of five (5) regional districts; Northeast, Southeast, Central, Southwest, Northwest, the County of Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. Members of the former Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) Board shall maintain a seat on the Committee unless or until completion of all ACE Project(s) in their respective cities. Each member or alternate shall have one vote. A quorum is 50% of its membership. Action taken by the Committee shall be by simple majority of the members present. All disclosable public records related to this meeting are available at [www.theaceproject.org](http://www.theaceproject.org) and viewing at the Rivergrade Road office during normal business hours.

Ricky Choi, Lee Andrews Group  
Roger Miramontes, Anser  
Sam Pedroza, Industry  
Talin Espinoza, Twining  
Violette Sedagat, Geo Advantec

3. **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

4. **Approval of Capital Projects & Construction Committee Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2019**

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of September 23, 2019. Motion passed.  
(M/S: H. Solis/N. Lyons)

5. **Chairman Remarks**

T. Sandoval spoke on the successful Open Streets event in El Monte and South El Monte.

6. **Member Comments**

There were no comments.

7. **Chief Engineer's Monthly Report**

Chief Engineer M. Christoffels reported an application for \$20 million for the BUILD grant was submitted in July 2019 and staff expects to hear back sometime in November. The agency has applied for a grant through Section 190 grade separations program which provides \$15 annually to grade separations.

8. **Project Progress Reports**

Phillip Balmeo, Senior Project Manager presented on progress at the Durfee Avenue Grade Separation project. Utility relocation work is underway; Edison poles, fiber optic lines and MCI relocations are moving along. The pump station slab pouring is in preparation. Andres Ramirez, Senior Project Manager presented on progress at the Fullerton Road Grade Separation project. Current work is in preparation for lowering of the roadway. Underground utility relocations are complete, grading for curbs and gutters are underway. Old roadway has been removed. Charles Tsang, Senior Project Manager presented on progress at the Fairway Drive Grade Separation project. Preparation for a storm drain line is underway. Sewer line work is completed.

Member Hadjinian arrived.

9. **Election of Officers**

Nominations for Chair were opened. B. Shevlin nominated T. Sandoval for Chair, H. Solis seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The Committee unanimously elected T. Sandoval to serve as Chair.

Nominations for Vice Chair were opened. H. Solis nominated C. Moss for Vice Chair. There was no second. J. Hadjinian nominated N. Lyons for Vice Chair, T. Hepburn seconded the nomination. The Committee took a vote. The Committee voted N. Lyons to serve as Vice Chair.

10. **Hearing on CPCC Resolution of Necessity No. 19-15 for the Turnbull Canyon Road Grade Separation Project**

Legal counsel reviewed the process of the hearings of Resolutions of Necessity. He indicated the Committee would be asked to find that the public interest and necessity require the acquisition for the project, the project if planned in a manner that is most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury and that the property is necessary for the project. He reminded the Committee that this was not the time to discuss compensation and the approval of the Resolutions would not stop parties from negotiating but will allow staff to move forward with legal actions if necessary. Legal counsel stated this applies to both resolutions of necessity, items 10 and 11.

M. Christoffels reported the two resolution of necessities brought to the Committee are owned by Southern California Edison (SCE). He reported SCE is not disputing the property takes, however due to CPUC procedural requirements SCE concurred that the adoption of a Resolution of Necessity would help expedite the process.

The public comment period was opened. There were no public comments. The public comment period was closed.

A motion was made by member Hepburn and seconded by member Hadjinian to approve CPCC Resolution of Necessary No. 19-15.

Ayes: Costanzo, Hadjinian, Hepburn, Lyons, Marcucci, Sandoval, Shevlin, Solis  
Nays: None

11. **Hearing on CPCC Resolution of Necessity No. 19-16 for the Turnbull Canyon Road Grade Separation Project**

The public comment period was opened. There were no public comments. The public comment period was closed.

A motion was made by member Solis and seconded by member Hadjinian to approve CPCC Resolution of Necessary No. 19-16.

Ayes: Costanzo, Hadjinian, Hepburn, Lyons, Marcucci, Sandoval, Shevlin, Solis  
Nays: None

12. **Approval of Selection of Construction Management Consultant for the At-Grade Safety Improvement Projects in Pomona and Montebello**

M. Christoffels presented on this item explaining the need for these services and the selection process that was undertaken. He also indicated that a cost proposal still needed to be negotiated and brought back for approval. The Committee discussed the design of the pedestrian gates and safety measures necessary to keep pedestrians off the train tracks. A

motion was made by N. Lyons and seconded by H. Solis to authorize Chief Engineer to initiate negotiations for construction management services with Ghirardelli Associates for the At-Grade Crossings Safety Improvements project. Motion passed.

(M/S: N. Lyons/H. Solis)

13. **Approval of Amendment to Task Order No. 1 on the contract with CWE for Preliminary Engineering and Final Design Services for the Load Reduction Strategy Projects for the Rio Hondo River and Tributaries**

M. Christoffels presented on this item, explaining that the participating agencies in this study met recently and based on the high costs associated with the initial concept of dry weather diversion to the sewer, that the consultant be authorized to develop an alternative of onsite treatment and release. The cost for these additional services have been negotiated and the participating agencies concurred with the proposed contract amendment. Total design costs are still within the existing MOU's among the participating agencies. A motion was made by member H. Solis and seconded by member B. Shevlin to authorize Chief Engineer to execute and amendment to Task Order No. 1 for preliminary design services for the Load Reduction Strategy Projects for the Rio Hondo River and Tributaries in the amount of \$40,350 for a total contract amount of \$289,744. Motion passed.

(M/S: H. Solis/B. Shevlin)

14. **Approval of Selection and Award of Contract for As Needed Right of Way Support Services**

M. Christoffels presented on this item. This item is brought to the Committee as a result of the merge of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) agency and the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) agency. ACE has traditionally maintained on-call firms for right of way services, however current contracts cannot be continued under the SGVCOG name. 11 proposals were received, 4 were interviewed, the two firms recommended were Paragon Partners, LTD, and HDR Engineering, Inc. A motion was made by member H. Solis, and seconded by member N. Lyons. Motion passed.

(M/S: H. Solis/N. Lyons)

15. **Approval of Second Contract Amendment with OHL for the Construction of the Fairway Drive Grade Separation Project**

M. Christoffels presented on this item, explaining that site conditions as well as changes made by UPRR have resulted in significant delays on the project which now require a second contract amendment. M. Christoffels reminded the Committee that the initial amendment was to add the Lemon Avenue ramps to the 60 freeway at the request of the cities of Diamond Bar and Industry. That amendment was funded by grants for that purpose and was approved in 2016.

Details of contract negotiations and options were presented regarding the current proposed amendment. M. Christoffels discussed the poor soil conditions and how the method of improvement of aggregate filled drilled holes was a patented procedure that required the agency to bid the work conceptually with the contractor to produce final plans based on site conditions. Final drawings that were produced subsequent to bid required larger holes and more aggregate than originally anticipated and took longer to install. M. Christoffels also

discussed that in order to maintain service to its customers, Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) requested a three-phase bridge construction in lieu of the traditionally used two-phase method with a set of temporary tracks. After work commenced UPRR changed their mind and requested the agency use the two phase with a shoofly. This required all of the originally approved track plans to be redesigned placing the contractor and agency on hold for over a year.

Staff assessed the current issues and whether or not to proceed with this project, and how to do so. Three options were discussed: To stop the project altogether, to re-bid the project, or to renegotiate with the contractor based on the current conditions. Staff determined a renegotiation with OHL was the best option.

The Committee discussed details on delays. B. Shevlin asked if the request for these additional funds will displace funds on other project. In response, M. Christoffels reported that staff will be using additional funds not yet committed to the project. These include funds from Metro where they have committed to match 17% of all of ACE's funds, which staff has not yet requested. In addition, funds will come from excess property sales.

B. Shevlin asked if any additional costs were anticipated. M. Christoffels that support services will need to be amended as a result of this contract amendment, which will be coming to the Committee for approval early 2020.

Member N. Lyons asked if requesting additional funds from UPRR would be appropriate. M. Christoffels proposed staff producing a letter to UPRR on behalf of the Committee in regards to this item. T. Hepburn spoke on the item, stating he is in support of continuing with OHL, but voiced his concerns that the cost of these delays could have been used to fund other local projects. He expressed appreciation for the thorough report, and requested moving forward, all delays requiring any possible additional costs be reported to the Committee as soon as possible.

A motion was made by member T. Hepburn to authorize the Chief Engineer to execute a second construction contract amendment with OHL USA, Inc. for the construction of the Fairway Drive Grade Separation Project in an amount not to exceed \$33,048,185 for a new contract total of \$123,233,538. To this motion, the agency will write a letter to UPRR explaining their responsibility in delays and request reimbursement of those costs. The motion was seconded by member H. Solis. Motion passed.

(M/S: T. Hepburn/H. Solis)

**16. Approval to Receive and File Quarterly Project Progress Reports**

M. Christoffels presented on this item. He reported that design of Fairway Drive and Fullerton Road are 40% complete. Montebello Boulevard is expected to award a contract in December 2020, and begin construction in 2021, Turnbull Canyon will follow the same schedule. Design of the 57/60 is 35% complete, with a 2024 construction begin date. The Bike Share program has officially been kicked off. He reported a \$67 million deficit in funding, which will be offset by the sale of excess properties, and pending UPRR contributions which is given at the beginning of a project and after the completion.

N. Lyons asked if the agency has a cash flow issue. M. Christoffels reported we do not. T. Hepburn asked the dollar amount on the real estate holdings, M. Christoffels reported an anticipated amount of \$15-20 million depending on the market value. A motion was made by member J. Hadjinian and seconded by member T. Hepburn to receive and file the quarterly project progress reports and the mitigation monitoring reports. Motion passed.  
(M/S: J. Hadjinian/T. Hepburn)

17. **Approval to Receive and File Quarterly Mitigation Monitoring Reports**  
(M/S: J. Hadjinian/T. Hepburn)

18. **Adjournment**  
The meeting adjourned at 12:55PM.

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Amy Gilbert  
Clerk