



SGVCOG Capital Projects & Construction Committee August 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Costanzo called the meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Capital Projects and Construction Committee to order at 12:02PM at the City of West Covina Community Center.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Committee member Sternquist lead the pledge of allegiance.

2. **Roll Call:**

In attendance was:

Juli Costanzo, Chair, City of San Gabriel
Victoria Martinez, Vice Chair, El Monte
Cynthia Sternquist, SGVCOG President
Barbara Messina, City of Alhambra
Becky Shevlin, City of Monrovia
Hilda Solis, LA County Board of Supervisor
Jack Hadjinian, City of Montebello
Nancy Lyons, City of Diamond Bar
Sam Pedroza, City of Claremont

Staff:

Mark Christoffels, Chief Engineer
Gregory Murphy, Burke Williams & Sorensen, legal counsel
Deanna Stanley
Amy Hanson
Charles Tsang
Katie Ward, SGVCOG
Marisa Creter, SGVCOG Executive Director
Nathan Bocanegra
Paul Hubler
Phil Balmeo
Rachel Korkos
Ricky Choi
Mark Mendoza, Paragon Partners

Guests:

Vic Bapne, CWE
Art Correa, LA County Department of Public Works
Cynthia Marian, OSM
Margaret Finlay, City of Duarte
John Burton, LA County Department of Public Works
Fadi Rasaam, Citadel CPM
Regina Talamantes, RTEA
Eliza Barrientos, RTEA

3. **Public Comments** – There were no public comments.
4. **Approval of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2018** – A motion was made by member Lyons to approved revised minutes. Ms. Lyons requested the July 23, 2018 minutes be revised to show her abstention for the approval of the June minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Martinez.

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5. **Chairman's Remarks** – Chairperson Costanzo invited the members to the celebration of the completion of the San Gabriel Trench on September 10, 2018.
6. **Member Comments** – There were no member comments.
7. **Chief Engineers Monthly Report** – Mark Christoffels reported that the Governing Board approved the assignment of the 57/60 confluence chokehold project to the Capital Projects and Construction Committee. Mr. Christoffels also referenced his memo reflecting monthly contracting changes that are within his approval authority. He also referred to monthly community outreach activities.

Member Solis indicated the 57/60 project was a much needed improvement and important that transportation issues are addressed to prepare for the upcoming Olympics.

8. **Project Construction Progress Reports** – Charles Tsang reviewed progress photos for the Fairway Drive grade separation projects that depicted jack and bore operations, sidewalk construction and excavation. He also showed around the clock paving work for the Lemon on/off ramp project.

Mr. Christoffels reviewed progress photos for the Fullerton Road grade separation project that showed street widening.

Phil Balmeo reviewed the elements of the San Gabriel Trench project. He reviewed details of the project that included: the project cost of \$293.7 million included 4 roadway bridges, 2 railroad bridges, 1.4 miles of trench, one full property take and 55 permanent and temporary construction easements. He reviewed the elements of construction and ended with a time-lapse video of the project's construction. The Committee expressed appreciation for the presentation and suggested the video be placed on YouTube.

9. **Hearing on Amended Resolution of Necessity No. 13-11** – Mr. Christoffels indicated all four hearings for the amended Resolutions of Necessity Nos. 13-11, 13-14, 13-15 and 13-16 would be pulled and expected to be held at the September meeting. Mr. Christoffels indicated staff was awaiting a signed Stipulation Agreement from Majestic Realty.
10. **Hearing on Amended Resolution of Necessity No. 13-14** – This item was pulled.
11. **Hearing on Amended Resolution of Necessity No. 13-15** – This item was pulled.
12. **Hearing on Amended Resolution of Necessity No. 13-16** – This item was pulled.

13. **Approval of Contract Amendment for Design Support Services for the Durfee Avenue Grade Separation Project with URS Corporation** – Mr. Christoffels indicated it was practice for staff to maintain the services of the designer of record to assist through the construction procurement process as well as construction. He indicated the designer would support staff with responding to questions, perform field reviews, review contractor submittals and prepare as-built drawings at the end of project. He indicated the support for these efforts were \$1,061,536.

A motion was made to authorize the Chief Engineer to amend the contract with URS Corporation for a not to exceed amount of \$1,061,536 for design support services for a new contract value of \$7,212,153.

M/S/C/Martinez/Solis/Unanimous

14. **Approval of an Amendment to a Betterment Agreement with the Cities of Industry and Diamond Bar for Construction of On/Off Ramps at Lemon Avenue to State Route 60 to be done in conjunction with the Fairway Drive Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels explained the Cities of Diamond Bar and Industry have requested a change in the way the payments would be made for the betterment project. He indicated the City of Diamond Bar has agreed to send its grant money to the City of Industry and the City of Industry would make payments for both entities. He indicated there was no financial implication to the agency with for the change in payment arrangement.

A motion was made for the Chief Engineer to execute an amended Betterment Agreement with the Cities of Industry and Diamond Bar for construction of on/off ramps at Lemon Avenue to State Route 60.

M/S/C/Solis/Lyons/Unanimous

15. **Approval of Selection of CWE for Preliminary Engineering and Final Design Services for the Loan Reduction Strategy Projects for the Rio Hondo River and Tributaries** – Mr. Christoffels reviewed the procurement process for these services. He indicated there were two statement of qualifications received and staff has selected CWE. He indicated, if approved, staff would begin negotiations with an anticipated contract award at the September Committee meeting.

A motion was made to authorize the Chief Engineer to negotiate a design and engineering services contract with California Watershed Engineering Corporation for the Loan Reduction Strategy Projects for the Rio Hondo River and Tributaries.

M/S/C/Solis/Sternquist/Unanimous

16. **Approval to Receive and File Quarterly Financial, Audit, and Investment Reports** – Mr. Christoffels reviewed the quarterly reports and there were no questions.


A motion was made to receive and file the quarterly financial audit and investment reports.

M/S/C/Shevlin/Messina/Unanimous

17. **Closed Session** – Greg Murphy announced the Committee would adjourn to closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9 to discuss existing litigation, ACE v Rowland Ranch Properties LLC LA Superior Court Case No. BC629038.

The Board returned to open session and legal counsel indicated that the Committee was briefed on the matter and all members participated and unanimously gave direction to staff settle on defined terms. Further, if settlement were agreed, and approved by the court the final documents would be available at the ACE office.

18. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:52pm. The next meeting will be held on September 24, 2018.

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Deanna Stanley
Clerk