



SGVCOG Capital Projects & Construction Committee September 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order**

SGVCOG President Sternquist called the meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Capital Projects and Construction Committee to order at 12:03PM at the West Covina Community Center.

Mr. Christoffels announced that the Committee would need to elect a Chair for the day in the absence of Chair Muela and Vice Chair Sandoval. The Committee elected SGVCOG President, Cynthia Sternquist to act as Chair.

2. **Roll Call:**

In attendance was:

Becky Shevlin, Monrovia

Cory Moss, Industry

Cynthia Sternquist, SGVCOG President

Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena

Hilda Solis, LA BOS

Jack Hadjinian, Montebello

Nancy Lyons, Diamond Bar

Steve Lustro, Pomona

Tim Hepburn, La Verne

Staff:

Mark Christoffels, Chief Engineer

Amy Gilbert

Andres Ramirez

Edward Villanueva

Paul Hubler

Philip Balmeo

Guests:

Art Correa, LACDPW

Charlie Nakamoto, JACOBS

Claudia Mejia, Hill International

Garrett Montoya, DHS Consulting

Greg Murphy, Burke, Williams Sorensen, Legal Counsel

Joshua Nelson, Industry

Keith Gillfillan, Moffatt & Nichol

Lynda Dybee, LSA

Marisa Trautz, TRC

Paulette Maskarino, State Assembly

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 and viewing at the Rivergrade Road office during normal business hours.

Rebecca Barrants, TSC
Ricardo Mendoza, Lee Andrews Group
Ricky Choi, Lee Andrews Group
Robert Delgado, DHS Consulting
Sam Pedroza, Industry
Silvia Santillan, Diego's Auto Repair
Stefanie Graves, Lee Andrews Group
Talin Espinoza, Twining
Timothy Grunt, HDR, Inc.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Member Moss led the pledge of allegiance.
4. **Public Comment** – There were no public comments.
5. **Approval of Capital Projects & Construction Committee Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2019** – A motion was made by member Lyons seconded by member Hepburn to approve the meeting minutes of July 22, 2019.
M/S/C/Lyons/Hepburn/Approved
6. **Chairman Remarks** – The Chair and Committee presented the ACE formal legal counsel, Greg Murphy of Burke, Williams & Sorenson with a plaque and words of appreciation for his time serving the ACE Board, then Capital Projects and Construction Committee.

New attorney David DeBerry of Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart was introduced.
7. **Member Comments** – Member Lyons thanked staff for the recent tour of the ACE projects.
8. **Chief Engineer's Monthly Report** – Mr. Christoffels reviews the current contract change orders in his report.
9. **Project Progress Reports** – Phillip Balmeo, Project Manager of the Durfee Avenue Grade Separation project walked the Committee through the various parcels needed for the project and the intended before and after of each piece of property or land.
10. **Election of Officers** – This item was pulled.
11. **Approval of Selection and Award of On-Call Public Outreach Services Contracts to TRC, Hill International, and Lee Andrews Group** – Mr. Christoffels indicated staff issued a request for proposal for Outreach Services in order to better serve the SGVCOG and ACE as a merged agency. A motion was made by member Hadjinian seconded by member Solis to approve the selection and award of on-call public outreach services contracts to TRC, Hill International, and Lee Andrews Group.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Solis/Approved

12. **Approval of an Agreement with the City of La Verne for Design of Proposed Gold Line Pedestrian Bridge** – Mr. Christoffels provided early phase project information. He indicated consultants would be attained to provide a scope of work and timeline as the agreement does not outline this. Member Mahmud stated many areas of this project will be completed at the Cities expense, and that it is vital La Verne is made aware of expenditures, as they occur in order to ensure sufficient funding.

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Moss to approve an agreement with the City of La Verne for the design of proposed Gold Line pedestrian bridge.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Moss/Approved

13. **Approval of Hearing on CPCC Resolution of Necessity No. 19-05 at 500 S. Greenwood Ave., Montebello for the Montebello Corridor Project** – The hearing was opened for CPCC Resolution of Necessity No. 19-05. Legal counsel DeBerry 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 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.

Mark Christoffels explained that items 12-20 relate to the Montebello Corridor Grade Separation project. He reviewed the options considered that would have the least right of way impacts and that an underpass was deemed the best option. Mr. Christoffels reported the SGVCOG received a protest letter. Committee members were given a copy of the letter.

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

Attorney Alan Sozio addressed the Committee regarding the protest letter. He indicated he does not believe the statements made have legal merit. He confirmed that a full appraisal was received by the property owner and that severance damage was included as part of the appraisal.

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Moss to approve CPCC Resolution of Necessary No. 19-05.

Ayes: Lustro, Solis, Mahmud, Moss, Hadjinian, Hepburn, Shevlin, Lyons, Sternquist
Nays: None

14. **Approval of Hearing on CPCC Resolution of Necessity No. 19-06 at 433 S. Montebello Blvd., Montebello** – Mr. Christoffels indicated that no protest was filed for this resolution.

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

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Solis to approve CPCC Resolution of Necessary No. 19-06.

Ayes: Lustro, Solis, Mahmud, Moss, Hadjinian, Hepburn, Shevlin, Lyons, Sternquist
Nays: None

15. **Approval of Hearing on CPCC Resolution of Necessity No. 19-07 at 809 Mountain View Ave., Montebello** – Mr. Christoffels presented a map of the location of the resolution and explained the reason for acquisition.

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

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Solis to approve CPCC Resolution of Necessary No. 19-07.

Ayes: Lustro, Solis, Mahmud, Moss, Hadjinian, Hepburn, Shevlin, Lyons, Sternquist
Nays: None

16. **Approval of Hearing on CPCC Resolution of Necessity No. 19-08 at 221 S. Montebello Blvd., Montebello** – The public comment period was opened. There were no public comments. The public comment period was closed.

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Lyons to approve CPCC Resolution of Necessary No. 19-08.

Ayes: Lustro, Solis, Mahmud, Moss, Hadjinian, Hepburn, Shevlin, Lyons, Sternquist
Nays: None

17. **Approval of Hearing on CPCC Resolution of Necessity No. 19-09 at 217 S. Montebello Blvd., Montebello** – The public comment period was opened. There were no public comments. The public comment period was closed.

A motion was made by member Lyons and seconded by member Hepburn to approve CPCC Resolution of Necessary No. 19-09.

Ayes: Lustro, Solis, Mahmud, Moss, Hadjinian, Hepburn, Shevlin, Lyons, Sternquist
Nays: None

18. **Approval of Hearing on CPCC Resolution of Necessity No. 19-10 at 213 S. Montebello Blvd., Montebello** – The public comment period was opened. There were no public comments. The public comment period was closed.

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Shevlin to approve CPCC Resolution of Necessary No. 19-10.

Ayes: Lustro, Solis, Mahmud, Moss, Hadjinian, Hepburn, Shevlin, Lyons, Sternquist
Nays: None

19. **Approval of Hearing on CPCC Resolution of Necessity No. 19-12 at 805 W. Los Angeles Ave., Montebello** – 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 Moss to approve CPCC Resolution of Necessary No. 19-12.

Ayes: Lustro, Solis, Mahmud, Moss, Hadjinian, Hepburn, Shevlin, Lyons, Sternquist
Nays: None

20. **Approval of Hearing on CPCC Resolution of Necessity No. 19-13 at 819 Truck Way, Montebello** – Mr. Christoffels presented the location map to the Committee. He indicated relocation efforts are underway and a full acquisition purchase offer has been made for this property. There were no Committee comments.

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

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Shevlin to approve CPCC Resolution of Necessary No. 19-13.

Ayes: Lustro, Solis, Mahmud, Moss, Hadjinian, Hepburn, Shevlin, Lyons, Sternquist
Nays: None

21. **Approval of Hearing on CPCC Resolution of Necessity No. 19-14 at 810 Truck Way, Montebello** – Mr. Christoffels addressed the protest letter received.

Diego Cruz of Diego's Auto Repair requested the Committee not adopt to Resolution but instead grant an extension of 90 days in order to assure a fair and diligent negotiation process.

Sylvia Santillan of Diego's Auto Repair expressed her concerns to the Committee. Ms. Santillan stated the process of finding a comparable property in the same community has been difficult and is requesting an extension of 90 days to give Diego's Auto Repair and ACE more time to reach an agreement.

Mr. Christoffels address the property owners concerns, stating the issue the agency faces is having enough time to for the court to approve and process this acquisition. He stated a 90-day extension would delay the court process by many months, which could jeopardize the entire project. Mr. Christoffels reported if the Committee approves the resolution today, a court would not see this case until February, which by then, negotiations with the property owner will have been completed.

Member Lyons asked for some clarification on how the extension would affect the project. Mr. Christoffels responded SB1 funds allocated to the project, if not used by a stipulated date would ultimately be returned into state funds and no longer available for the project.

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

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Solis to approve CPCC Resolution of Necessary No. 19-14.

Ayes: Lustro, Solis, Mahmud, Moss, Hadjinian, Hepburn, Shevlin, Lyons, Sternquist
Nays: None

22. **Approval of Hearing on CPCC Resolution of Necessity No. 19-15 for the Turnbull Canyon Road Project** – This item was pulled.
23. **Approval of Hearing on CPCC Resolution of Necessity No. 19-16 for the Turnbull Canyon Road Project** – This item was pulled.
24. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:24PM. The next meeting is scheduled October 28, 2019.

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