



## **SGVCOG Capital Projects & Construction Committee March 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Muela called the meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Capital Projects and Construction Committee to order at 12:01 PM at the City of West Covina Community Center.

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

**2. Roll Call:**

In attendance was:

Victoria Muela, Chair, El Monte

Tim Sandoval, Vice Chair, City of Pomona

Becky Shevlin, City of Monrovia

Cory Moss, City of Industry

Cynthia Sternquist, SGVCOG President

Jack Hadjinian, City of Montebello

Nancy Lyons, City of Diamond Bar

Teresa Sebastian-Real, Monterey Park

**Staff:**

Mark Christoffels, Chief Engineer

Gregory Murphy, Burke Williams & Sorensen, legal counsel

Deanna Stanley

Amy Hanson

Edward Villanueva

**Guests:**

Ricky Choi, Lee Andrews Group

Natasha DeBenon, Ghirardelli Associates

Robert Delgado, DHS Consulting

Talin Espinoza, Twining

Irantzu Pujadas, Rep. Lowenthal

Jackie Martinez, BKF Engineers

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

**4. Approval of the Capital Projects & Construction Committee Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2019** – A motion was made by member Hadjinian to approve the minutes of February 25, 2019 and seconded by member Moss.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Moss/Passed

Abstain: Sebastian Real

**5. Chairman Remarks** – Chair Muela recapped the Durfee Avenue groundbreaking ceremony and thanked staff for their efforts for a successful event. Chair Muela reminded the Committee that at the prior meeting the Committee approved a grant application filed with the Ports of Long Beach and LA for funding through the INFRA program. She indicated the ports included two on-dock rail stations and a port highway bridge. She reported that staff

offered to arrange a ports tour to show the three projects that are included in the joint funding application and staff would follow up accordingly.

6. **Member Comments** – Members Hadjinian, Sternquist and Lyons also expressed gratitude for the groundbreaking event and to Chair Muela.
7. **Chief Engineer’s Monthly Report** – Mr. Christoffels reported that the agency will soon begin procurement of various support services, necessary for the projects such as legal counsel, and community outreach, some that had been in place since the beginning of the ACE program. He indicated the process would ensure that support services necessary for capital projects could include projects outside of grade separations which were the target of future capital projects.

Member Sandoval arrived.

8. **Project Construction Progress Reports** – Mark Christoffels reviewed construction progress photos for the Fullerton Road and Fairway Drive grade separation projects.
9. **Approval of Amendment No. 3 to the Waterline Relocation Agreement with Rowland Water District for the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels reported that the project team identified additional water lines that required relocation that were not in the original agreement. He indicated in order to move the water lines an amendment to the relocation agreement must be executed and the estimated cost is \$609,000. There were no questions.

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Moss to authorize the Chief Engineer to execute an amendment to the Waterline Relocation Agreement with Rowland Water District for the design, construction and inspection of private water facilities as part of the Fullerton Road grade separation project for a total revised not to exceed amount of \$3,164,271.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Moss/Unanimous

10. **Approval of Electrical Relocation Work Orders for SCE for the Durfee Avenue Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels indicated there are Southern California Edison service lines within the project area that require relocation due to the lowering of Durfee Avenue and street modifications for the project. He indicated that in order for this work to move forward, work orders were required and the cost estimated to be \$2 million.

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Shevlin to authorize the Chief Engineer to process Electrical Distribution Work Orders with SCE for the design and construction of underground and aerial electrical facilities as part of the Durfee Avenue grade separation project.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Shevlin/Unanimous

11. **Presentation on Formation of Quiet Zones** – Mr. Christoffels reviewed the current rules related to horn blowing at railroad crossings. He indicated a Quiet Zone was at least ½ mile of consecutive public highway-rail grade crossings where train horns are routinely not sounded and that they can be established by the Federal Railroad Administration after safety

system/procedure is established. He reviewed the criteria for a quiet zone and various condition scenarios depicting safety measures. He summarized the process for establishing a Quiet Zone and the related costs and obligations involved. Chair Muela thanked Mr. Christoffels for his presentation.

- 12. Approval to Submit Section 190 Grant Application for Funds for the Fairway Drive, Fullerton Road and Durfee Avenue Grade Separation Projects** – Mr. Christoffels indicated Section 190 of the California Streets and Highways Code is a competitive grant program that provides up to \$15 million each year to local agencies for construction of grade separation projects and the agency was seeking to apply for funds for the Fairway Avenue, Fullerton Road and Durfee Avenue projects. He reminded the Committee that out of 36 grade separation projects statewide, Fairway ranked no. 5, Durfee no. 9 and Fullerton ranked no. 16.

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Hepburn to approve a Resolution to authorize the filing of applications seeking Section 190 funds for the Fairway Drive, Durfee Avenue and Fullerton Road grade separation projects and the execution by the Chief Engineer of any all agreements necessary if awarded funds.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Hepburn/Unanimous

- 13. Approval of Recommendation to SGVCOG Governing Board of Support Position for National Multimodal and Sustainable Freight Infrastructure Act** – Mr. Christoffels indicated Congressman Lowenthal will introduce the National Multimodal and Sustainable Freight Infrastructure Act in spring. The Bill will provide an estimated \$8 billion in revenues for a Freight Trust Fund through a 1% fee imposed on waybills on goods moving domestically by train or truck. He reminded the Committee that the most recent surface transportation legislation included new discretionary grant funds that relied on Highway Trust Funds which was underfunded. Ms. Irantzu Pujadas, from Congressman Lowenthal's office addressed the Committee and indicated the Bill enjoyed bi-partisan support and would be available for such projects as highway and road improvements, rail projects and highway-rail grade separations.

A motion was made by member Sebastian-Real and seconded by member Sandoval to recommend to the SGVCOG Governing Board adoption of a Resolution of support for the National Multimodal and Sustainable Freight Infrastructure Act.

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- 14. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:50PM. The next meeting will be held on April 22, 2019 at noon.

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Deanna Stanley  
Committee Clerk