



The I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority

For the preservation of communities while enhancing freeway capacity

AGENDA

JOINT MEETING OF THE POLICY BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY OF THE INTERSTATE CONSORTIUM CITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017 - 2:00 PM

NORWALK CITY HALL
12700 NORWALK BLVD, CONFERENCE ROOM 4
NORWALK CA 90650

Member Cities:

Commerce
Downey
La Mirada
Norwalk
Santa Fe Springs

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items will be considered and approved in one motion unless removed by Policy Board member for discussion

- 1.1 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – March 27, 2017 and April 17, 2017

Recommendation: Approve

- 1.2 I-5 JPA CHECK REGISTER
March 16, 2017 – April 15, 2017

Recommendation: Approve

- 1.3 I-5 CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION PROJECTS WARRANT LIST
March 4, 2017 – April 6, 2017

Recommendation: Approve

- 1.4 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION REPORT
Jim Dykstra – Edington, Peel and Associates

Recommendation: Approve

End of Consent Calendar

2.0 REVIEW I-5 ACCELLARATED CONCEPT, A COORDINATED EFFORT BETWEEN CALTRANS, METRO AND THE CITY OF LA, TO DEVELOP POSSIBLE PUBLIC, PRIVATE, PARTNERSHIP (PPP) OPTIONS TO DELIVER I-5 (PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD TO I-170) PRIOR TO THE 2036 MEASURE M FUNDED YEAR

Recommendation: Approve

3.0 I-5 EIR (FROM PARAMOUNT NORTH TO I-710) STATUS UPDATE

Recommendation: Receive and File

4.0 CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION PROJECTS – PHASE 1 & PHASE 2 – STATUS, PHASE 3 PROJECT STATUS

Recommendation: Approve

4.0 I-5 STATUS REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/AUTHORITY ENGINEER

Recommendation: Provide Direction and/or Receive and File

5.0 REPORT FROM CHAIR LILIA LEON

Recommendation: Receive and File

6.0 REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Recommendation: Receive and File

7.0 REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MEMBERS

Recommendation: Receive and File

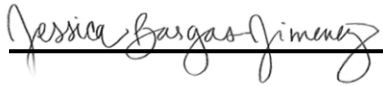
8.0 REPORT FROM CALTRANS, DISTRICT 7

Recommendation: Receive and File

9.0 REPORT FROM METRO

Recommendation: Receive and File

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Jessica Bargas-Jimenez
Office Assistant II
City of Norwalk

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**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
OF THE POLICY BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY OF THE
INTERSTATE 5 CONSORTIUM CITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
NORWALK CITY HALL
ROOM #4
NORWALK, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017
2:00 P.M.**

Chairman Mike Mendez called the Board Meeting of the Interstate 5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority to order at 2:03 PM.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

Board Member Steve DeRuse	City of La Mirada
Board Member Lilia R. Leon	City of Commerce
Board Member Richard Moore	City of Santa Fe Springs
Board Member Fernando Vasquez	City of Downey
Chairman Mike Mendez	City of Norwalk

Board Members absent:
None.

Others present:

Jeff Boynton	City of La Mirada
John Oskoui	City of Downey
Thaddeus McCormack	City of Santa Fe Springs
Mike Egan	City of Norwalk
Matt Rodriguez	City of Commerce
John Yang	Caltrans District 7
Victor Kau	Metro
Ivan Segovia	Morgner Construction
Carlos Morgner	Morgner Construction
Yvette Kirrin	I-5 JPA

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carlos Morgner of Morgner Construction introduced himself noting that he was hopeful that the Board would be considering their proposal to further investigate the accelerated concept for delivery the I-5 project including a potential PPP. He noted that while the item was not on the agenda, that they wanted to introduce themselves and be available for any questions regarding the potential project.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Special recognition, including a plaque, was provided to Chairman Mike Mendez for his 27 years of service to the I-5 JPA. Ice Cream cake was provided.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, which included the following:

- Previous Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2017
- I-5 JPA Check Register – February 16, 2017 through March 15, 2017
- I-5 Construction Mitigation Projects Warrant List – February 4, 2017 – March 3, 2017
- I-5 Federal Transportation Report from Edington, Peel and Associates

M/S: Leon/Vasquez

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes: PB Members Moore, DeRuse, Leon, Vasquez and Chair Mendez

No: None

Absent: None

I-5 JPA POLICY BOARD – SELECTION OF A NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Ms. Kirrin introduced the item, noting that with a retirement of Chair Mendez, that the Board required a new Chair, as well as the Board has never formally nominated a Vice Chair, and should do so based on the bi-laws. Board Member Moore nominated Board Member Lilia Leon for Chair, and Board Member Lilia Leon nominated Board Member Fernando Vasquez for the Vice Chair positions.

A motion was made to approve the nominations of Chair Lilia Leon and Vice Chair Fernando Vasquez.

M/S: Moore/Mendez

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes: PB Members Moore, DeRuse, Leon, Vasquez and Chair Mendez

No: None

Absent: None

CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION PROJECTS - STATUS

Ms. Kirrin presented this item. She noted that there wasn't significant activity going on with either Phase 1 or Phase 2, and that Phase 1 was being reconciled for close out (audit) and 100% of construction was complete on Phase 2. Phase 3 wasn't discussed.

A motion was made to receive and file the report.

M/S: Vasquez/Leon

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes: PB Members Moore, DeRuse, Leon, Vasquez and Chair Mendez

No: None

Absent: None

I-5 STATUS REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/AUTHORITY ENGINEER

Ms. Kirrin presented this item. She noted the following:

- Construction Completes were provided for the I-5 segments in construction, including 84% for Rosecrans/Bloomfield/I-5, 68% for Norwalk/Imperial/I-5, 40% for Florence/I-5 and 97% for Carmenita/I-5.
- Ms. Kirrin discussed the ongoing activity regarding possible Public Private Partnership focused on strategies to accelerate the I-5 project within the current Metro Measure R expenditure plan, shown as 2036. She invited Mr. Carlos Morgner to provide any additional comment wishing to be heard by the Board, which he shared some thoughts regarding the opportunity and his relationships with various officials that would be helpful in assuring a successful project effort.
- Ms. Kirrin noted that the I-605 EIR scope was continuing to evolve and now was going to be amended to include a High Occupancy Toll (HOT) alternative.

A motion was made to receive and file the report.

M/S: Leon/Moore

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes: PB Members Moore, DeRuse, Leon, Vasquez and Chair Mendez

No: None

Absent: None

REPORT FROM CHAIR MIKE MENDEZ

Chair Mendez thanked everyone for the support over the years and his wishes for success on our continued efforts with the I-5 project.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

No Report.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MEMBERS

No Report.

REPORT FROM CALTRANS DISTRICT 7

Mr. Yang noted that the incentive for the contractor to minimize the time for the Florence Avenue bridge to be reduced to one lane in each direction formally began on March 6. He expected that since the contractor has already been working somewhat out of phasing sequence that the goal for less than 18 months would be very achievable.

REPORT FROM METRO

No Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned to March 2017 at 2:38 PM, and it was noted that a Special Meeting would be scheduled for April 17, 2017 to host Long Beach Mayor, and Metro Board Member Robert Garcia.

Mike Mendez, Chairman

Jeff Boynton, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
OF THE POLICY BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY OF THE
INTERSTATE 5 CONSORTIUM CITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
NORWALK CITY HALL
ROOM #4
NORWALK, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017
1:00 P.M.**

Chairman Mike Mendez called the Board Meeting of the Interstate 5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority to order at 1:11 PM.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

Board Member Lilia R. Leon	City of Commerce
Board Member Jay Sarno	City of Santa Fe Springs
Board Member Fernando Vasquez	City of Downey
Chairman Luigi Vernola	City of Norwalk

Board Members absent:

Board Member Steve DeRuse	City of La Mirada
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Others present:

Mayor Robert Garcia	City of Long Beach
Jeff Boynton	City of La Mirada
John Oskoui	City of Downey
Noe Negrete	City of Santa Fe Springs
Thaddeus McCormack	City of Santa Fe Springs
Mike Egan	City of Norwalk
Diana Tang	City of Long Beach
Sharon Weismann	City of Long Beach
Yvette Kirrin	I-5 JPA

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATION

Ms. Kirrin presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board, Mayor Garcia and the all others present regarding the I-5 JPA history and the status of the current projects and partnering with Metro and Caltrans. Following the presentation, Mayor Garcia communicated his 100% support regarding the JPA's mission and projects, including the further investigation into a possible PPP for the I-5 (Paramount to I-710) segment of the Corridor. He communicated his hope to be an advocate for the JPA and being a big supporter of the PPP process. He noted that we should

continue to communicate our issues, concerns or any comments to himself or his Metro Deputy Sharon Weismann, noting she is a resource to everyone.

REPORT FROM CHAIR LILIA LEON

Chair Leon thanked Mayor Garcia for his extended time spent with staff and the JPA Board. She noted that this section of I-5 is different than the I-710 Corridor as it has built support up and down the Corridor over the years and that she's optimistic that the project will continue to move forward.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The other Board Members also thanked Mayor Garcia for coming to the meeting and listening to the presentation and providing support.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MEMBERS

AE Chair Egan also thanked Mayor Garcia for his attendance and the extended visit with staff prior to the Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting was adjourned to April 2017 at 1:38 PM.

Lilia Leon, Chair

Jeff Boynton, Secretary

To: I-5 JPA Policy Board

From: Adriana Figueroa, City of Norwalk, Administrative Services Manager

Date: April 2017

Item: I-5 JPA Check Register

Date Issued	Ck #	Exp Type	PY Accr	Issued to	Description	Inv. #	Invoice Amt	Deposit	Balance
					Beginning Balance for FY 16-17				319,362.66
3/16/2017	1384	MSC		Norwalk Printing Inc	#10 Envelopes- 2 color/black imprint	18050	305.20		289,802.41
3/16/2017	1385	MSC		Palace Cleaners	Tablecloth Cleaning	35177	10.10		289,792.31
3/16/2017	1386	CR		City of Norwalk	I-5 Expense Reimbursement	I-5C000059	10,511.99		279,280.32
3/27/2017	1387	BM		Mike Mendez	Policy Board Meeting - March 27, 2017		150.00		279,130.32
3/27/2017	1388	BM		Lilia R. Leon	Policy Board Meeting - March 27, 2017		150.00		278,980.32
3/27/2017	1389	BM		Richard Moore	Policy Board Meeting - March 27, 2017		150.00		278,830.32
3/27/2017	1390	BM		Steve DeRuse	Policy Board Meeting - March 27, 2017		150.00		278,680.32
3/27/2017	1391	BM		Fernando Vasquez	Policy Board Meeting - March 27, 2017		150.00		278,530.32
4/12/2017	1392	LGL		Richards,Watson & Gershon	Professional Services for February 2017	211155	255.92		278,274.40
4/12/2017	1393	LGL		Edington, Peel & Associates, Inc.	Consultation and representation for the month of April 2017		4,250.00		274,024.40

To: I-5 JPA Administrative Entity

From: Adriana Figueroa, City of Norwalk, Administrative Services Manager

Date: April 2017 - Report for I-5 Construction Mitigation Projects – Request for Warrant Approval Recommendation to Policy Board

Phase 1 – Construction Mitigation Projects

No Invoice this month.

Phase 2 – Construction Mitigation Projects

No Invoice this month.

Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to I-5 JPA
April 2017

I and the firm Edington, Peel & Associates provided a range of services during the month in support of the I-5 Joint Powers Authority. These included participation in a number of meetings, telephonic, email and fax exchanges and other communications.

I have continued to coordinate with I-5 JPA executive director Yvette Kirrin and I-5 JPA elected representatives and their staffs in Washington, DC regarding ongoing efforts on behalf of the I-5 widening initiative and the I-5 JPA's priorities and interests in the early days of the 115th Congress, providing legislative guidance and information. I also continued to work with the Gateway Cities COG, which has established the I-5 widening project as its number one priority.

I have provided information regarding membership, leadership and staff changes, as well as committee priorities, as the 115th Congress has gotten organized. This included information about leadership changes and membership in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Environment and Public Works and Commerce Committees. I alerted the I-5 JPA to Rep. Alan Lowenthal's appointment to the T&I Committee and Sen. Kamala Harris's appointment to the EPW Committee, an important assignment with the retirement of her predecessor, Sen. Barbara Boxer, ranking Democrat on the committee. I have also provided information regarding leadership of the US Department of Transportation. As the new Administration and the 115th Congress continue to be organized, I will be providing further information on leadership and staff changes that will occur.

I have provided information about a possible Administration infrastructure initiative, as well as a proposed \$1 trillion Congressional Democrat proposal. I alerted I-5 JPA officials of a list reported to have been submitted to the Administration by state governors of priority projects they wish to be included if an infrastructure initiative moves forward, and I have had follow on conversations and exchanges with I-5 JPA officials about possible ways to attempt to achieve the project's inclusion in any initiative that does move forward.

I continue to work with Gateway Cities COG and I-5 JPA staff regarding earmarked funds secured several years ago by Rep. Grace Napolitano that have not yet been spent and that could be reallocated to other projects if not used by FY19. I am working with Yvette, Gateway Cities and the Congresswoman's staff to ensure that the \$4.1 million plus in funding can be used for purposes that will best further this important project.

I have provided updates throughout the congressional appropriations process on matters of interest in the transportation appropriations bill. Congress late last year approved a short-term Continuing Resolution that extends into this year so that the 115th Congress and Administration can work on a longer term appropriations measure. I also continue to provide information regarding the five-year surface transportation authorization bill, which was approved by the House and Senate and signed into law by the President last December 4 as Public Law 114-94.

On March 22, I attended an event at which I spoke with Rep. Lowenthal, his chief of staff, Tim Hysom, and his transportation legislative assistant, Ben Kane. In addition, I am in regular contact with Victor Castillo, chief of staff to Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, a member of the House Appropriations Committee; legislative director Melissa Kiedrowicz and district staff for Rep. Linda Sanchez, vice chair of

the House Democratic Caucus; and Joe Sheehy, legislative director to Rep. Grace Napolitano, a senior member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, regarding legislative priorities for the I-5 JPA.

As part of my responsibilities, I closely monitor legislation, as well as seminars, hearings, meetings and publications of key interest to legislators and senior executive branch officials for articles and information pertinent to the project and of possible interest and importance to member cities of the I-5 JPA. I attend Senate and House committee hearings, follow Senate and House floor proceedings, and track legislative initiatives pertinent to the project.

**AGENDA REPORT
I-5 CONSORTIUM CITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
POLICY BOARD**

Date: April 24, 2017

To: I-5 JPA Policy Board

From: Yvette Kirrin, P.E., Executive Director/Authority Engineer

Subject: Review I-5 Accelerated Concept, a Coordinated effort between Caltrans, Metro and the City of LA, to Develop Possible Public, Private Partnership (PPP) Options to Deliver I-5 (Paramount Boulevard to I-710) Prior to the 2036 Measure M Funded Year

Recommendation: Approve

Over the past several months, informal discussion has been occurring regarding possible alternative financing of the I-5 (Paramount to I-710), to accelerate the project development process including the design, right of way and construction, from 2036, which is the programming year of approximately \$1 billion in the approved Metro Measure M Major Projects portion of the Expenditure Plan.

The attached proposal from Morgner Construction includes a scope of work for Dr. Kim to further investigate the existing LA City Concept to Accelerate the I-5 construction option as well as provide an approach on a potential PPP. This study would take approximately 4 months to complete and would require her to interview various Caltrans, MTA and other people to help her assess and recommend findings and strategies. The budget presented is a not to exceed, lump sum of \$49,700. Dr. Julie Kim's resume is also attached to the proposal.

Attachment: Proposal to Provide I-5 Corridor Improvement Project (I-605 to I-710) Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) Approach

**AGENDA REPORT
I-5 CONSORTIUM CITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
POLICY BOARD**

Date: April 24, 2017
To: I-5 JPA Policy Board
From: Yvette Kirrin, P.E., Executive Director/Authority Engineer
Subject: I-5 EIR (Paramount north to I-710) Status Update

Recommendation: Provide Direction and/or Receive and File

Over the past several months, including prior to the passage of Measure M, since then, and most recently, issues related to the I-5 EIR have been dynamic.

- Prior to the passage of Measure M, City of LA Mayor Garcetti recommended the full funding of the I-5 EIR, to facilitate keeping the project moving forward, as well as to show his support regarding the I-5 project. This is moving forward.
- Over the past several months, parallel activities have been occurring including coordination between Metro and Caltrans regarding scoping and estimating the cost for the EIR, as well as the construction/contractor industry reaching out to me regarding alternative financing to accelerate the delivery of the I-5 (Paramount to I-170) segment, including potential Public Private Partnership opportunities. This is resulted in the proposal included in this Agenda package as part of Item 2.0.
- Also at the same time, the Metro Board has passed an action consistent with EPA's recommendation to study lane conversion (from HOV to High Occupancy Toll (HOT)), or specifically the addition of a HOT lane, as part of all environmental (EIR) efforts, which will likely be incorporated into the I-5 EIR as well.
- It is anticipated that the I-5 EIR will begin sometime in 2018, which is approximately a 4-year process. A record of decision (ROD) will hopefully result in 2021-2022, which will increase the competitiveness of this project and make it eligible for a variety of funding opportunities.
- During this same time, from a federal coordination standpoint, Mayor Ivan Altamirano from the City of Commerce met with Mr. Steve Craig of Craig Realty (owner of the Citadel in Commerce) and Congressman (CA- Bakersfield) Kevin McCarthy, in the City of Commerce to discuss the I-5 and the importance of the project to the subregion. It was noted by Mayor Altamirano that discussion would reconvene sometime after Easter (which has recently passed) with Congressman McCarthy regarding the project.
- It's currently unknown if Congresswoman Roybal-Allard has been brought into the loop, but a strategy to incorporate her into the federal strategy is recommended.

**AGENDA REPORT
I-5 CONSORTIUM CITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
POLICY BOARD**

Date: April 24, 2017

To: I-5 JPA Policy Board

From: Yvette Kirrin, P.E., Executive Director/Authority Engineer

Subject: Construction Mitigation Projects – Status

Recommendation: Provide Direction and/or Receive and File

I-5 Construction Mitigation Projects – Phase 1 – Status (No Significant Update)

The Total Project Budget is \$6,645,000. Total expenditure to date is about \$5,865,551 or about 88% of the total project budget. A meeting will be scheduled to reconcile minor discrepancies against the invoicing and JPA check register prior to scheduling the final audit. No significant progress has been made in recent months.

I-5 Construction Mitigation Projects – Phase 2 – Status (No Significant Update)

Phase 2 - Project Expenditure

The Total Project Budget is \$14,168,107. The total expenditure to date is approximately \$13,731,165 or approximately 97% of the project budget. This is due to the completion of construction work in La Mirada, SFS and Norwalk. There is an invoice on consent for this month.

Projects Breakdown

The Firestone Blvd. Pavement Rehabilitation is 100% complete and final invoicing is being completed. The Cities should start preparing for the final audit.

I-5 Construction Mitigation Projects – Phase 3 – Status (No Significant Update)

No significant update this month.

**AGENDA REPORT
I-5 CONSORTIUM CITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
POLICY BOARD**

Date: April 24, 2017
To: I-5 JPA Policy Board
From: Yvette Kirrin, P.E., Executive Director/Authority Engineer
Subject: I-5 Status Report
Recommendation: Provide Direction and/or Receive and File

I-5 South (I-605 to County Line) & I-5/Carmenita Update

Segment(s) Status:

Below is a table that will be updated monthly that details the six (6) segments of the I-5 (605/S) project. Specific issues regarding the overall project and/or each segment will be detailed, as needed, below the table. Work is progressing at or close to schedule, according to the technical comparisons of % work complete vs. % time complete of each contract.

Segment	Phase	% Const. Complete	% Const. Time Complete
Valley View (Segment 2)	Awarded for Construction	4%	5%
Rosecrans (Segment 3)	In Construction	85%	81%
Norwalk (Segment 4)	In Construction	69%	75%
Florence (Segment 5)	In Construction	39%	39%
Carmenita (Stand Alone Segment)	In Construction	96%	83%

Construction along I-5 and at the interchanges of Carmenita, Rosecrans and Norwalk-Imperial continue to impact the City’s traffic circulation. We have continued to coordinate with the resident engineer(s), to obtain information regarding tentative closures and proposed/approved closures ahead of public. Updates, as needed, are being emailed to the PB, AE, TAC, et al. regarding the current status of all existing, proposed and tentative detours/closures.

I-605 Corridor EIR Update

The 605 Corridor EIR study continues to proceed, although there have been many scope changes over the past 6 months, latest to include the High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lane option. Monthly meetings continue. The current status of the EIR, or environmental document, will evaluate a range of alternatives, including:

1. No Build

2. One General Purpose lane – Add one GP lane and convert HOV lane to HOT lane
3. Two HOT Lanes - Add HOT lane and convert HOV lane to HOT
4. Two HOV lanes – add an HOV lane

I-5 Environmental Document (I-605 to I-710) Update

Provided in Item 3.0.

Urban Reforestation Plan

A meeting was held between Caltrans, the I-5 JPA (myself) and the Tree People to discuss how to reconcile outstanding issues between the Caltrans Agreement (between Caltrans and I-5 JPA), minor issues within the JPA Bid Package and the actual Carbon Sequestration calculations that influence both documents.

- The Caltrans/JPA agreement is being updated as Caltrans didn't receive permission to directly pay the contractor selected by the I-5 JPA, and will be reimbursing the JPA for contractor invoices, however, they've drafted a clause to provide an initial \$1 million to the JPA to begin work without concern of being able to pay the contractor for progress payments while the contract is fully mobilized. This will require a new review of the document by legal prior to approving it for signature.
- Caltrans has included their Biology function on the review of the trees that are included in the bid package and several were rejected on the basis that Caltrans wouldn't plant those species and therefore they will not reimburse for them.
- Caltrans has requested that we increase the number of trees to a total over 11,000 with the extra trees being saplings that go to the RMC jurisdiction. This requires updating to the bid specification.

The TAC and Caltrans are hopeful to still procure the contract in the coming months once all issues are resolved so that a fall planting season can take place.