

Citizens Advisory Council July 26, 2017 meeting minutes

1. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Dalila Sotelo, Darrell Clarke, Hank Fung, Greg Anderson, Brian Bowens, Michael Conrad, Russ Davies, Michael Kravitz, Penelope Meyer, Keith Martin, Jazmin Ortega, Anne Reid, Wally Shidler

Introductions –Members introduced themselves.

2. Meeting Minutes

There were no minutes to approve. They are in development.

5. I-710 Corridor Presentation

This item was taken out of order.

Metro staff made a presentation. Recirculated draft environmental impact report has been released for public review. Comments are due by September 22 for a 63 day review time period. I-710 project EIR responds to motion 22.1, including documentation of availability to relocate facilities, studying requiring only zero emission trucks, adding more transit, ITS/TSM/TDM elements, green construction alternatives, and additional LA river crossings for bicycle and pedestrian use. Final EIR/EIS is expected in 2018. The budget for full implementation of the projects studied exceeds the funding available from Measure R, however adoption of a preferred alternative will allow aspects of the alternative to be implemented individually as funding permits.

Members discussed various aspects of goods movement and the I-710 corridor, including a container fee, prioritization of the projects in each alternative, why alternatives were dropped, why there was no TSM/TDM alternative (transportation demand management/transportation systems management incorporated into each alternative and is not its own alternative), EIR being the upper bound of improvements, tolls on the freight corridor (Metro staff indicated tolls do not appear financially feasible since it would divert trucks away from the freight corridor into general purpose lanes, thus not allowing the freight corridor to provide the congestion reduction benefit, and the tolls would not provide enough funding for operating the corridor), high value freight and piggyback freight, how columns for the freight corridor would be placed in the existing right of way, regional freight plans, and accessibility of the EIR to the community given the size and complex nature of the concepts. Metro staff stated that the EIR models include the Alameda Corridor being used to full capacity.

Metro staff indicated that programmatically, the I-710 corridor is one with many competing interests. The chair concurred and discussed the I-710 corridor in relation to the logistics industry. There is the individual corridor but also the programmatic issue of trucking and goods movement. Also, equity and displacement needs to be addressed. Angelo Logan expressed why he requested that the CAC send a letter regarding Motion 22.1. He is concerned about environmental justice and that the community's suggested input in the draft EIR be addressed. Metro staff asserted they complied fully with Motion 22.1

After further discussion the CAC decided to form an ad-hoc committee to provide comments on the I-710 EIR and look at goods movement issues more broadly. This ad hoc committee would evaluate the EIR/EIS document and its recommendation, ensure the community process in evaluating the EIR/EIS is comprehensive and inclusive, and comprehensively look at the I-710 project programmatically in the larger context of goods movement, including long term needs. Also include other planning agencies such as SCAG and what they are doing regarding goods movement in the region. Report back at August CAC Executive Committee meeting with possible action at the August CAC General Assembly meeting and further refinement of any letter or comments at September CAC Executive Committee meeting.

Motion by Fung, second by Martin, carried unanimously.

4. Blue Line update

This item was taken out of order.

Hank Fung provided an update based on the recent Metro board report on Blue Line improvements. Metro staff has done a conceptual analysis about grade separating the Washington junction between Blue and Expo, and changes along the Flower Street corridor to improve operations. There is a possibility to connect the Blue Line with the West Santa Ana Branch to provide an alternative method of entering downtown, as some alternatives for the WSAB include sections where the two are parallel. Members indicated that the bus system needs help as well, and were concerned about equity issues on resource deployment.

3. Standing items

There was no legislative update. The 90 day look ahead was provided.

6. Report from Metro Crenshaw LAX alignment tour

Members discussed their impressions of the line and thanked Metro staff for arranging the tour. Staff will work with other CAC members to schedule another tour for those who could not make it, should there be interest.

7. Public comment

There was none.

8. Consider items not on the posted agenda

The ad-hoc customer experience committee meeting held earlier this month was discussed. Members discussed the role and how we could work with this Metro board-led committee. Metro staff indicated the next meeting of the customer experience committee was in September, and indicated that Jackie Dupont Walker may be a good contact to initiate discussions.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Ortega, second by Martin, carried unanimously.

