



Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority

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ACE Construction Authority Board of Directors Meeting October 23, 2017 Minutes

Chairperson Costanzo called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority to order at 12:10pm at the San Gabriel City Hall Council Chambers.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice Chair Victoria Martinez led the pledge of allegiance.

2. **Roll Call:** Mr. Christoffels called the roll.

In attendance was:

Juli Costanzo, San Gabriel, Chair

Victoria Martinez, El Monte, Vice Chair

Barbara Messina, SGVCOG

Tim Sandoval, Pomona

Staff:

Mark Christoffels, CEO

Gregory Murphy, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, legal counsel

Amy Hanson

Charles Tsang

Phil Balmeo

Victoria Butler

Cecilia Cardenas

Ricky Choi

Guests:

Henry Stultz, Klein Felder

John Burton, LA County DPW

Pat Somerville, HNTB

Charlie Nakamoto, Jacobs

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

4. **Approval of September 25, 2017 Board meeting minutes** – A motion was made by Vice Chair Martinez and seconded by member Sandoval to approve the September 25, 2017 regular Board meeting minutes.

M/S/C/Martinez/Sandoval/Unanimous

5. **Chairman Remarks** – Chairperson Costanzo reminded the Board that a Finance Committee meeting will be held on October 26 at the ACE offices.

6. **Board Member Comments** – Member Messina expressed her gratitude for the recent work done on Mission Road. Vice Chair Martinez congratulated Chairperson Costanzo on her recognition by Business Life magazine highlighting Women Achievers.

7. **Chief Executive Officer's Report** – Mr. Christoffels indicated ACE has submitted an application for funding from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant program for the Durfee Avenue grade separation project.

8. **Construction Progress Reports** – Charles Tsang, Senior Project Manager reviewed construction photos for the Lemon Avenue onramp and the Fairway Drive Grade Separation project. He showed updated photos of the retaining walls and medians installation at the Lemon Avenue project in the City of Walnut. Victoria Butler, Senior Project Manager updated the Board on the pump station and storm drain work for the Fullerton Road grade separation project. She highlighted new sewer lines as well as traffic signals installed at the project. Senior Project Manager Phil Balmeo reviewed his project updates. He reported that the concrete pouring north of the railroad tracks at Puente Avenue is complete and a full opening of Valley Boulevard will take place the last week of October. Mr. Balmeo reported information regarding the San Gabriel Trench including the Alhambra Wash walls are poured which will help protect the Wash during rainy weather. He reported that the Mission Road overhead structure is nearly complete and that the San Gabriel Road overhead structure is being paved.

Member Hadjinian arrives.

9. **Hearing on Resolution of Necessity No. 17-02, 4820 Durfee Avenue, Pico Rivera** – Gregory Murphy explained the process for the Resolutions of Necessity. He reminded the Board that the hearing was to determine several factors related to the necessity of the property for the project. He indicated staff must present evidence for the Board to find that the property was necessary for the project and was planned in the manner most compatible with the greatest public good.

Mark Christoffels reviewed the design options and evaluation criteria considered. He indicated the preferred option is building an underpass that would permit Durfee Avenue to go under the Union Pacific railroad tracks. He showed the location and explained that the easement is needed to install an underground Southern California Edison power line. He indicated that the utility easement is 1,597 square feet.

The public comment period was opened and there were no comments. The public comment period was closed.

A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Messina to adopt the Resolution of Necessity No. 17-02. Mr. Christoffels called the vote:
Ayes: Costanzo, Martinez, Hadjinian, Messina, Sandoval
Nays: None

10. **Approval of Local Hire Policy** – Chairperson Costanzo announced that at the request of member Solis this item has been pulled.

11. **Approval of Contract Amendment with HNTB Corporation for Grant Application Preparation Services for the Turnbull Canyon Road Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels reported on new funding opportunities through grant programs that ACE will be applying for. He indicated that the preparation for these grant applications require additional technical work by economists and other specialists provided by HNTB for the Turnbull Canyon project. Mr. Christoffels stated that the amendment increase is in the amount of \$90,000 to provide necessary support services in preparation of applications seeking funding from new and revised state and federal discretionary grant programs.

A motion was made by Member Hadjinian and seconded by Member Messina to approve the contract amendment with HNTB Corporation for grant application preparation services for the Turnbull Canyon Road Grade Separation Project in the amount of \$90,000.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Messina/Unanimous

12. **Approval of Contract Amendment with Moffatt & Nichol for Grant Application Preparation Services for the Montebello Corridor Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels indicated that this amendment is in the amount of \$90,000 for Moffatt & Nichol to provide support services to assist staff in grant preparation, similar to the previous item but for the Montebello Corridor project. He stated that funds for this increase will be provided through Measure R.

A motion was made by Member Hadjinian and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the contract amendment with Moffatt & Nichol for grant application preparation services for the Montebello Corridor Project in the amount of \$90,000.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Sandoval/Unanimous

13. **Approval of Chief Executive Officer Compensation** – Legal Counsel, Greg Murphy announced that the Board discussed the Chief Executive Officer's performance in closed session at the previous Board meeting. He indicated that chief Executive Officer has requested a salary adjustment of 2.5%.

A motion was made by Member Hadjinian and seconded by Member Messina to approve a 2.5% salary adjustment for the Chief Executive Officer effective October 1, 2017.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Messina/Unanimous

14. **Receive and File Quarterly Project Progress & Finance Reports** – Mr. Christoffels reported the following project updates: At-Grade safety improvements is at 35% design completion with a construction contract to be awarded December 2019; Durfee Avenue is at 95% design completion; Fairway Drive construction is 33% complete with an anticipated project completion date in January 2021; Fullerton Road construction is 17% complete; Montebello Corridor is at 25% design completion; Puente Avenue construction is at 70% with a completion date for October 2018; the San Gabriel Trench project construction is 88% complete and finally, Turnbull Canyon design is 10% complete.

Mr. Christoffels reported that the Fairway Drive project has increased by \$20 million but that the San Gabriel Trench project had a savings of about the same dollar amount so the overall dollar amount does not change much. He indicated that ACE's remaining unallocated funds are \$5.8 million that will go towards funding the Temple Avenue project.

A motion was made to receive and file the Quarterly Project Progress Reports.

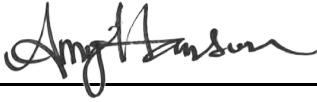
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15. **Receive and File Environmental Mitigation Monitoring Reports** – Mr. Christoffels reviewed the quarterly mitigation monitoring reports assuring the Board that ACE remains in compliance with its reporting requirements.

A motion was made to receive and file the Quarterly Mitigated Monitoring Reports.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Martinez/Unanimous

16. **Adjournment** – Board member Hadjinian congratulated Chairperson Costanzo on her recent appearance in Business Life magazine for Women Achievers. The Chair reminded the Board that the next meeting will be held November 27 at noon and that the Finance Committee meeting will be at the ACE Offices on Thursday, October 26. The meeting adjourned at 12:50PM.

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Amy Hanson
Assistant Clerk of the Board