



SGVCOG Capital Projects & Construction Committee Approved Minutes December 14, 2020

Call to Order: Chairman Sandoval called the meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Capital Projects and Construction Committee to order remotely via Zoom and livestreamed via YouTube on December 14, 2020 at 12:03p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance – M. Christoffels led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Tim Sandoval, Chair, Pomona
Nancy Lyons, Vice Chair, Diamond Bar
Becky Shevlin, Monrovia
Cory Moss, Industry
Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena
Tim Hepburn, LaVerne

Absent:

Hilda Solis, LA County
Margaret Clark, SGVCOG, Rosemead

Staff:

Mark Christoffels, Chief Engineer
Eric Shen, Director of Capital Projects
Marisa Creter, Executive Director
Paul Hubler, Director Gov/Community Relations
David DeBerry, legal counsel
Deanna Stanley, Admin. Service Mgr.
Amy Gilbert, Management Analyst
Andres Ramirez, Senior Project Manager

Guests

Victoria Martinez-Muela, El Monte
Larry Lubka, Lubka & White, LLP

3. Public Comment – El Monte Councilmember Victoria Martinez-Muela thanked M. Christoffels for his commitment to the ACE program and wished him well in his retirement.

4. Chairman Remarks – Chairman Sandoval welcomed the Committee to its final meeting of 2020.

5. Member Comments – Several members reminded the Chair of time constraints due to other meeting commitments and as such, items may need to be taken out of order.

6. Director of Capital Projects Monthly Report – M. Christoffels reported that the agency requested a grant funding extension for the Montebello Blvd. grade separation project which was approved. The extension was necessary due to delays in receiving third party approvals. He also reported that the CTC approved an allocation of \$218M for the 57/60 confluence project.

7. **Project Progress Reports** – M. Christoffels reviewed progress photos of the Durfee Avenue and Fairway Drive construction activities.
8. **Approval of Capital Projects and Construction Committee Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2020** – A motion was made by N. Lyons and seconded by T. Hepburn to approve the minutes.

Ayes: T. Sandoval, N. Lyons, D. Mahmud, C. Moss, T. Hepburn, B. Shevlin
Nays: None Abstain: None

9. **Approval of Task Order No. 2 Amendment with CWE for Preliminary Engineering and Final Design Services for the Load Reduction Strategy Projects for the Rio Hondo River and Tributaries** – M. Christoffels reviewed the issues being addressed regarding the treatment and release of captured water that entered the Rio Hondo River. He indicated the original approach was to divert the water but that concept raised even greater issues and an alternative solution was being sought. The new approach would be a treat and release method whereby the water was treated with UV light. He indicated the designer, California Watershed Engineering Corporation is ready to prepare final designs and the cost for this effort would be shared by the participating agencies.

A motion was made by C. Moss and seconded by T. Hepburn to authorize the Executive Director or her designee to execute Task Order No. 2 on the design services contract with California Watershed Engineering Corporation (CWE) for final design services for the Load Reduction Strategy (LRS) Projects for the Rio Hondo River and Tributaries in the amount of \$1,314,012.

Ayes: T. Sandoval, N. Lyons, D. Mahmud, C. Moss, T. Hepburn, B. Shevlin,
Nays: None Abstain: None

10. **Approval of Contract Amendment with Berg & Associates, Inc. for Construction Management Services for the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project** – M. Christoffels explained that Berg & Associates is the construction management firm for the Fullerton Road grade separation project and the contract is due to expire at the end of the month. He indicated though the construction has stopped, the project needs the support of the construction management firm for support with claims related to the termination of the construction contract and provide assistance with rebidding the construction contract. M. Christoffels indicated that based on the level of rebidding effort, it is possible that another amendment will be necessary in the future. D. Mahmud requested explanation of the remaining costs necessary to complete the project. M. Christoffels indicated an additional \$40-\$45 million would likely be necessary and that amount would encompass all efforts including construction management, right of way management and community outreach. M. Christoffels indicated staff is examining options to fund the completion of this project.

A motion was made by N. Lyons and seconded by B. Shevlin to authorize the Executive Director or the designee to amend Task Order No. 2 with Berg & Associates, Inc. (Berg) for

construction management (CM) services associated with the Fullerton Road Grade Separation project in an amount not to exceed \$857,955.92 for a revised total task order value of \$13,729,463.78.

Ayes: T. Sandoval, N. Lyons, D. Mahmud, C. Moss, T. Hepburn, B. Shevlin
Nays: None Abstain: None

- 11. Approval of 2021 Capital Projects Legislative Priorities** – P. Hubler reviewed 2020 accomplishments that included reprogramming \$18.8M in savings and secured \$15 million in Prop C matching funds from Metro, both which will be applied to the Montebello Blvd. grade separation project. The SGVCOG supported the successful SB1 trade corridor grant program that resulted in a \$217.9 million for the SR 57/60 Chokepoint Relief Project. P. Hubler reviewed the legislative priorities that included submit funding requests and grant applications for capital projects and programs; support development of transportation and capital projects best practices and support legislative or administrative efforts to expedite environmental and permitting approvals for projects delivery.

A motion was made by D. Mahmud and seconded by B. Shevlin to approve 2021 Capital Projects Program and Legislative Priorities.

Ayes: T. Sandoval, N. Lyons, D. Mahmud, C. Moss, T. Hepburn, B. Shevlin,
Nays: None Abstain: None

- 12. Approval of 2021 Capital Projects Construction Committee Meeting Schedule** – The Committee reviewed the schedule and requested the meeting scheduled for June 7 be moved to May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by D. Lyons and seconded by B. Shevlin to approve the revised 2021 meeting schedule.

Ayes: T. Sandoval, N. Lyons, D. Mahmud, C. Moss, T. Hepburn, B. Shevlin
Nays: None Abstain: None

- 13. Closed Session** – Legal counsel announced the Committee would adjourn to closed session to discuss anticipated litigation in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9 (one case). The Committee reconvened and legal counsel announced there was no reportable actions taken.

- 14. Recognition of Mark Christoffels** – Members of the Committee, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Congresswoman Judy Chu, Metro CEO Phil Washington, former Duarte Mayor John Fasana, former San Gabriel Councilwoman Juli Costanzo, former Montebello Mayor Jack Hadjinian, CTC member Fran Inman, Prince Global Solutions President Kevin Jones expressed appreciation of the contributions Mark Christoffels.

- 15. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held remotely via Zoom on YouTube live on January 25, 2021 at noon.

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Deanna Stanley
Clerk of the Committee