



The I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority

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AGENDA REGULAR MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY OF THE INTERSTATE CONSORTIUM CITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

JANUARY 13, 2021

3:30 PM

VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE AT

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Member Cities:

- Commerce
- Downey
- La Mirada
- Norwalk
- Santa Fe Springs

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ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items will be considered and approved in one motion unless removed by an Administrative Entity Member for discussion.

1.1 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

Recommendation: Approve

1.2 I-5 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION REPORT J. Dykstra – Edington, Peel and Associates

Recommendation: Approve

End of Consent Calendar

2.0 I-5 TREE PLANTING CONTRACT (#15-01) PROJECT STATUS & INVOICE APPROVAL

Recommendation: Provide Direction and/or Receive and File

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

Recommendation: Provide Direction and/or Receive and File

4.0 REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MEMBERS

Recommendation: Receive and File

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was noticed in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order No. N-25-20. Dated this 6th day of January 2021.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY
I-5 CONSORTIUM CITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020
3:30 PM
VIA TELECONFERENCE AT**

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The regular meeting of the I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority Administrative Entity was called to order at 3:35 PM by Administrative Entity Chair Jeff Boynton.

Roll was taken with the following Administrative Entity members present:

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| Jeff Boynton | City of La Mirada |
| John Oskoui | City of Downey |
| Ray Cruz | City of Santa Fe Springs |
| Jesus Gomez | City of Norwalk |

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| Members Absent: | |
| Daniel Hernandez | City of Commerce |
| Jesus Gomez | City of Norwalk |

Also present via teleconference was Yvette Kirrin, Authority Engineer/Executive Director – I-5 JPA, and Theresa Devoy, City of Norwalk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Previous Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2020.
- I-5 Federal Transportation Report – Edington, Peel and Associates
- I-5 Construction Mitigation Project Warrant List

M/S: Oskoui/Cruz

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes: AE Members Cruz, Oskoui and Chair Boynton.

No: None

Absent: AE Members Cisneros and Gomez.

I-5 TREE PLANTING PROJECT (15-01) STATUS AND INVOICE APPROVAL

Ms. Kirrin presented this item. She noted that the Caltrans payment for \$809,094.27 was received and the checks were being released to the TreePeople for all outstanding Progress Payments, including 7 & 8. She noted that there will be a new progress payment on the agenda for next month for consideration.

The report was received and filed.

I-5 STATUS REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/AUTHORITY ENGINEER

Ms. Kirrin presented this item. Regarding Construction Mitigation, Phase 1 and Phase 2, the close out retention audits are stalled as Metro Consultant staff that prepare the audits are furloughed due to Covid-19 and reduced sales tax revenue. The I-5 JPA also received a letter regarding our Phase 3 request that appears to leave the door open for funding the program, noting that all project repairs, associated with the I-5 project will be completed with any remaining/excess funds, but consideration will not be taken up until the I-5 project is complete, which is anticipated in 2021.

A summary update/summary regarding percent complete for each of the remaining three (3) segments from I-5/605 south to the O.C. line that are currently in construction, including Valley View/I-5 = 68%, Norwalk/I-5 = 97% and Florence/I-5 = 90%, as well as major closures and detours.

Regarding the I-605 EIR, Ms. Kirrin provided a status update noting that the GCCOG CCC letter to the Metro Board was effective, and the release of the I-605 EIR will be delayed. No information is known on whether an additional alternative will be developed/considered, nor any update on what Metro might try to release the EIR in the future. She noted that several questions raised by the JPA, SFS and Downey are still waiting for responses from Caltrans/Metro. AE Member Oskoui noted that it's time

for the City Managers to get involved and be sure that they understand the sensitive issues that will be impacting their Council.

Regarding PPP update, there is nothing further and the direction is status quo.

The report was received and filed.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MEMBERS

No Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 PM.

Jeff Boynton, AE Chair

Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to I-5 JPA
January 1, 2021

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 116th Congress, providing legislative guidance and information.

The Democrats' majority in the House narrowed in the November 3 elections, but they will continue in control in the next Congress. The Democratic leadership have made clear their intention to restore congressional earmarks, which may provide opportunities for the I-5 JPA, which previously benefited from these designated expenditures prior to elimination of earmarks several years ago. This is something we will want to watch.

The focus of Congress in recent weeks has continued to be on legislation to respond to the Coronavirus crisis and to provide funding to address urgent needs resulting from the pandemic. Finally, this past week, an agreement was reached on a combined omnibus appropriations/Coronavirus relief bill, which was passed by both the Senate and House and signed into law by the President on January 28. The FY21 Transportation, Housing, Urban Development and other appropriations measures were included in the measure, averting a government shutdown or need for a further continuing resolution.

I have been providing information about the infrastructure proposal unveiled by the House Transportation and Infrastructure majority. The House on July 1 passed the measure on a largely party line vote of 233-188. Earlier, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee unanimously approved its five-year infrastructure authorization proposal, America's Transportation Infrastructure Act (ATIA). These measures will die when this Congress comes to a close in December.

I have provided information regarding key positions for local delegation members with the Democrats in the majority in the House. Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard is chair of the Homeland Security Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, and Representative Grace Napolitano is chair of the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Representative Linda Sanchez is a member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee and its subcommittees on Oversight, Select Revenue Measures and Social Security.

I am in contact with Victor Castillo, chief of staff to Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard; legislative director Melissa Kiedrowicz and district staff for Rep. Linda Sanchez; Joe

Sheehy, legislative director to Rep. Grace Napolitano; and senior staff of House T&I Committee member Rep. Alan Lowenthal regarding legislative priorities for the I-5 JPA and transportation priorities in the region.

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
ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY**

Date: January 13, 2021
To: I-5 JPA Administrative Entity
From: Yvette Kirrin, P.E., Executive Director/Authority Engineer
Subject: I-5 Tree Planting Contract (#15-01) Project Status and Invoice Approval

Recommendation: Provide Direction and/or Receive and File

Status of Invoicing:

The following includes a summary of the project financials. Included in the Agenda package is Progress Payment #10 for recommendation to the Policy Board to approve and pay. This Progress Payment totals \$324,195.40. This includes tree planting work was completed in conservancy, and plant establishment work. Details can be found in the Progress Report itself.

| I-5 JPA Accounting | \$1,000,000 Advance (Draw Down) | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Invoice/Progress Payment | Due to TreePeople (less retainage) | Retainage Held | I-5 JPA Balance | Deposit (from Caltrans | Comments | Period of Performance |
| | | | | \$ 1,000,000.00 | Initial Deposit | |
| \$ 144,011.68 | \$ 136,811.10 | \$ 7,200.58 | \$ 855,988.32 | | Progress Payment 1 | 3/6/2019 to 6/15/2019 |
| \$ 175,972.55 | \$ 167,173.92 | \$ 8,798.63 | \$ 680,015.77 | | Progress Payment 2 | 06/16/2019 to 11/15/2019 |
| \$ 310,958.66 | \$ 295,410.73 | \$ 15,547.93 | \$ 369,057.11 | | Progress Payment 3 | 11/16/2019 to 1/24/2020 |
| \$ 178,152.38 | \$ 169,244.76 | \$ 8,907.62 | \$ 190,904.73 | | Progress Payment 4 | 1/25/2020 to 3/6/2020 |
| \$ 97,389.62 | \$ 92,520.14 | \$ 4,869.48 | \$ 93,515.11 | | Progress Payment 6* | 3/7/2020 and 3/27/2020 |
| \$ 189,352.98 | \$ 179,885.33 | \$ 9,467.65 | \$ (95,837.87) | | Progress Payment 7 | 3/30/20 and 6/20/20 |
| \$ 162,429.08 | \$ 147,425.75 | \$ 8,121.45 | \$ (258,266.95) | | Progress Payment 8 | 6/29/20 and 7/31/20 |
| | | | \$ 550,828.32 | \$ 809,095.27 | Reimbursement (Deposit) from Caltrans | |
| \$ 155,185.00 | \$ 147,425.75 | \$ 7,759.25 | | | Progress Payment 9 | 6/29/20 and 7/31/20 |
| \$ 324,195.40 | \$ 307,985.63 | \$ 16,209.77 | | | Progress Payment 10 | 6/20/2019 to 12/05/2020** |
| Total Invoiced to Date = | | \$ 1,737,647.35 | | | | |

The I-5 JPA has been reimbursed by Caltrans for \$809,095.27 including Progress Payments 1 through 4, as shown above. There was no Progress Payment No. 5, and the numbering picked back up with No. 6.

A request to Caltrans for reimbursement has been submitted for progress payments 6 through 10, totaling \$928,552.08.

In summary, the following activity occurred:

To date, the total trees planted within the I-5 JPA jurisdiction equal 5,115. An additional 96 Open Space Trees have been planted to date. The following summaries the most recent Open Space planting details, as well as some details regarding the ongoing Plant Establishment.

OPEN SPACE PLANTING

Between 6.12.2020 and 12.5.2020, TreePeople performed the following related to Open Space tree planting:

Coldwater Canyon Park, City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks:

- Planted 96 Open Space Trees. Species included:
 - Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) 36
 - California Scrub Oak (*Quercus berberidifolia*) 20
 - California Black Walnut (*Juglans californica*) 16
 - Catalina Cherry (*Prunus lyonii*) 11
 - Interior Live Oak (*Quercus wislizeni*) 7
 - Valley Oak (*Quercus lobata*) 6

In City of Downey:

- Plant Establishment care for 2332 surviving Parkway trees
 - *(see Downey Tree Care Sign Off for details)*
- Plant Establishment included the following weekly maintenance and inspections:
 - Check moisture levels
 - Water as needed
 - Replenish mulch if missing
 - Adjust arbor guards and ties as needed
 - Prune as needed to provide structure and air circulation throughout the canopy.

Tree Survival

- The total of trees planted (Downey Progress Payments 1, 2, 3-4, 5): 2446.
- The total of tree mortality to date due to vandalization is 114.
- The total surviving tree count at 9.30.2020 is 2332.

Replanting

- Adjustments include one tree reported dead as of 9.03.2020 (replanted 12.2.2020)

Types of Vandalism Encountered (See attached photos for reference):

- Removal: Trees have been completely removed. (See Photo 3 for example)
- Physical Damage: Tree branches and/or trunk have been broken or cut to a severity from which the Tree cannot recover in a safe and healthy way. (See Photo 4 for example)
- Chemical Damage: Trees wells have been filled with bleach, ammonia, or other household chemicals which typically cause a rapid necrosis of foliage; a death of the entire leaf canopy, which leads to a rapid dieback of stems and eventually the main trunk (See Photo 5 for example). Trees in this category may also have been sprayed on the trunk and/or foliage with commonly available herbicides such as Roundup, which cause similar symptoms and the eventual outcome of Tree mortality. Cases involving herbicides are usually accompanied by dieback of turf and/or plant material immediately surrounding the Trees water basin.

Other Items:

- TreePeople met regularly with City staff, and all work was approved by designated inspectors and Public Works Directors. TreePeople participated in a meeting with I-5 JPA and all city representatives to review re-distribution of trees between the cities for planting.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY**

Date: January 13, 2021
To: I-5 JPA Administrative Entity
From: Yvette Kirrin, P.E., Executive Director/Authority Engineer
Subject: I-5 Status Report
Recommendation: Provide Direction and/or Receive and File

This report combines the report to summarize status regarding the following:

- Construction Mitigation Update
- I-5 South (I-605 to County Line) Update
- I-605 Corridor EIR Update
- I-5 Environmental Document (I-605 to I-710) Update
- PPP Update
- General

I-5 Construction Mitigation Projects

The close out to Phase 1 is nearing an end. A memo was provided to Metro from the JPA in early January 2021 acknowledging the findings, and is requesting the final meeting with the Project Manager (Victor). Since that time, Metro is closing some final loops regarding the addition of Commerce to the MOU for the Telegraph Road project, which utilized the \$700k that remained in the MOU, based on a Policy Board request in late 2011.

No Significant updates for Phase 2 as the Accounting/Audit consultants with Metro have been temporarily furloughed due to COVID- 19 and expenditure cuts.

The Policy Board has determined to table the Metro Phase 3 response, and not push the issue as a priority at this time. This will be revisited when Valley View /I-5 is substantially complete, as all segments of the I-5 (605/S) will be coming to an end.

I-5 South (I-605 to County Line) Update - Segment(s) Status:

Below is a table that will be updated monthly that details the three (3) ongoing construction 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.

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| Segment | Phase | % Const. | % Const. Time |
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| | | Complete | Complete |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Valley View (Segment 2) | In Construction | 74% | 62% |
| Rosecrans (Segment 3) | Construction Complete | Plant Establishment Period | |
| Norwalk (Segment 4) | In Construction | Plant Establishment Period | |
| Florence (Segment 5) | In Construction | 92% | 79% |
| Carmenita (Stand Alone Segment) | Construction Complete | Plant Establishment Period | |

I-5 (605/S) Segment – Status Table

Work is progressing at or close to schedule, according to the technical comparisons of % work complete vs. % time complete of each contract, however, the contractors have been severely impacted by COVID-19, and Caltrans has continued to add time to their contract/schedule. This has been frustrating for the Florence Avenue segment particularly, as it's been difficult to obtain any commitments on the final opening of the arterial portion of the project.

I-605 Corridor EIR Update

Over the past month, the city of Downey, Santa Fe Springs and I have continued to meet with the 605 team consisting of both Metro and Caltrans. Considerable progress has been achieved including Metro's policy decision to no longer include a second HOV/HOT lane along I-5, which is a win for us. There has also been some success in Metro "sharpening their pencil" to eliminate additional (proposed) right of way acquisitions via reductions standards, shortening on ramps (for example) where Metro/Caltrans feels they are defensible. Based on these design revisions, the right of way impacts have been reduced by nearly 70 properties in the City of Downey.

Coordination has also been ongoing along the I-605 freeway through Santa Fe Springs, as their EIR impacts are mostly along this freeway. Impacts within SFS were only able to be moderately reduced, based on our coordination, by 4 homes and some parking spaces along an apartment complex area.

Additionally, based on our meetings, we now fully understand the operational and capacity needs of the project, that justify the proposed auxiliary lanes and the resulting impacts. We also understand where the proposed right of way line falls along the communities on both sides of the freeway, and that there isn't remaining opportunity for additional non-standards that could further reduce the property impacts.

The city of Downey and Santa Fe Springs Public Works folks, as well as I, can support the inclusion of the revised design alternative, for inclusion into the 605 EIR. We feel that this is the best design option with the least amount of impacts that will achieve with the mainline after the purpose in need of the project and justify the capital investment. The policymakers and community will have to ultimately determine their response to the 605 EIR and the impacts resulting from it.

We will continue to coordinate with the Metro/Caltrans to look for any additional opportunities to reduce impacts prior to the design revision/alternative being finalized

for inclusion within the 605 EIR. I anticipate approximately one more month of coordination to investigate any remaining opportunities.

From a process standpoint, this item, via a similar report, will be provided to the 91/605/405 TAC, with request for formal motion to support the inclusion of the most recent collaborations into the EIR. It will then be brought to the Gateway Cities Corridor Cities Committee (CCC) made up of policy makers along the Corridor, with a similar request for support at that level. If supported by the TAC and CCC, the item will then elevate directly to the Metro Board. It's recommended that the AE provide direction to incorporate a similar request for support from the Policy Board.

It should also be noted that on Friday, January 22, 2021. the LA City Selection Committee will meet. This meeting will include a recommendation to seat Whittier City Council Member Fernando Dutra as our next Metro Board representative. Councilman Dutra is a supporter of the 605 EIR project, as well as the other Gateway Cities transportation initiatives, and I believe he will represent our subregion well.

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

Continuing to follow up on the status of an agreement between Caltrans and Metro. Additionally, it does not appear that Metro wants to move forward with this northern segment until we resolve the typical section that will move forward in the 605 EIR, to be sure that we have an alignment to tie into that can provide continuity and carry additional capacity to the north, into Commerce.

PPP Update: No substantive updates this month.

General: Please confirm that your City has approved Amendment #7 to the I-5 JPA and returned it to Theresa Devoy in Norwalk.