



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, JANUARY 25, 2021 - 2:00 PM
VIA ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE AT**

Member Cities:

Commerce
Downey
La Mirada
Norwalk
Santa Fe Springs

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**LA MIRADA
CITY HALL
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LA MIRADA, CA 90638**

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 – NOVEMBER 23, 2020
Recommendation: Approve
- 1.2 I-5 JPA CHECK REGISTER
NOVEMBER 16 – JANUARY 15, 2020
Recommendation: Approve
- 1.3 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION REPORT
Jim Dykstra – Edington, Peel and Associates
Recommendation: Approve

End of Consent Calendar

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

Recommendation: Approve

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

RECOMMENDATION: To support the inclusion of the “locally collaborated alternative” into the I-605 EIR and to circulate the document.

4.0 REPORT FROM CHAIR

Recommendation: Receive and File

5.0 REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Recommendation: Receive and File

6.0 REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MEMBERS

Recommendation: Receive and File

7.0 REPORT FROM CALTRANS, DISTRICT 7

Recommendation: Receive and File

8.0 REPORT FROM METRO

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 21st day of January 2021.

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Office Assistant II
City of Norwalk

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City of La Mirada

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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
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020
2:00 P.M.**

Chair John Soria called the Board Meeting of the Interstate 5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority to order at 2:04 PM.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

Board Member Steve DeRuse	City of La Mirada
Board Member Bill Rounds	City of Santa Fe Springs
Vice Chair Claudia Frometa	City of Downey
Board Member Rick Ramirez	City of Norwalk
Chair John Soria	City of Commerce

Board Members absent:
None.

Others present:

Ray Cruz	City of Santa Fe Springs
Jesus Gomez	City of Norwalk
John Oskoui	City of Downey
Issam Abumuhor	Caltrans District 7
Daniel Hernandez	City of Commerce
Noe Negrete	City of Santa Fe Springs
Theresa Devoy	City of Norwalk
Vilco Domic	City of Commerce
Victor Gau	Metro
Yvette Kirrin	I-5 JPA

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Previous Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2020
- I-5 JPA Check Register – September 16, 2020 – October 15, 2020
- I-5 Federal Transportation Report from Edington, Peel and Associates

M/S: DeRuse/Rounds

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes: PB Members DeRuse, Rounds, Ramirez, Vice Chair Frometa and Chair Soria

No: None

Absent: None

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

Ms. Kirrin presented at this item noting that the report included a summary of the financials along with a work summary to date. No invoices were on the agenda for approval.

The report was received and filed.

I-5 STATUS REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/AUTHORITY ENGINEER

Ms. Kirrin presented this item noting that Phase 1 of the construction mitigation was about to wrap up, including a final meeting to be scheduled with Metro PM (Victor Gau), while Phase 2 remains stalled due to Metro furloughs with accounting staff. She noted that phase 3 would be tabled until the final segment (ie. Valley View /I-5) was substantially complete before we again request funds, per the letter from Metro stating that they will commit to rehabilitations and repairs deemed necessary once the project is near completion in 2021.

Ms. Kirrin noted that discussions were becoming more productive with Metro based on the motion passed by the Metro Board motion, which included, but wasn't limited to, Metro staff working with the Cities to incorporate a locally collaborated alternative to be included in to the EIR. A letter was provided for Chair Soria's signature regarding the Metro Board Motion 2020-0733 (I-605 Corridor Improvement Project Build Alternatives).

Addition discussion regarding the status of the segments under construction took place, including Board Member Rounds providing his observations and request to speed up work near the Florence Bridge. Issam noted that Covid-19 continues to affect all their jobs, and that they are not enforcing the schedule as closely, during these times.

The report was received and filed.

REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN

No Report.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Rounds wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, as well as noting that this would be the final meeting, as he was not returning to the Council in the new year. Well wishes were extended, and it was noted that he will be missed as we move into the future.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MEMBERS

No Report.

REPORT FROM CALTRANS DISTRICT 7

Issam noted that the Florence Avenue Bridge was going to be completed by early February. He noted that Fairford and Orr & Day would be open to traffic very soon.

REPORT FROM METRO

Victor provided good news that the audit for Phase 1 was finalized and now a meeting would be scheduled in December to finalize the paperwork, with a release of retention in January.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Chair John Soria, Chair

Jesus Gomez, Secretary

To: I-5 JPA Policy Board

From: Theresa Devoy, City of Norwalk

Date: November 16, 2020 – January 15, 2021

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 20-21				395,280.74
11/18/2020	1691	INS		Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. VOID	20-21 Special Liability Insurance 9/29/20-9/29/21	6276	0.00		737,474.03
12/9/2020	1692	INS		Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. VOID	20-21 Special Liability Insurance 9/29/20-9/29/21	6276	0.00		737,474.03
12/9/2020	1693	OA		Edington, Peel & Associates VOID	Consultation & Representation for month of December 2020		0.00		737,474.03
1/4/2021	1694	INS		Alliant Insurance Services Inc	20-21 Special Liability Insurance 9/29/20-9/29/21	6276	5,486.90		731,987.13
1/4/2021	1695	OA		Edington, Peel & Associates Inc	Consultation & Representation for month of December 2020		2,083.33		729,903.80
1/14/2021	1696	CN SLT		Kirrin Engineering Solutions Inc	I-5 Professional Services for July 2020 - November 2020	KE S07158	37,555.00		692,348.80
1/14/2021	1697	CN SLT		Kirrin Engineering Solutions Inc	Liability Insurance 2021	KE S07159	5,318.00		687,030.80

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
POLICY BOARD**

Date: January 25, 2021

To: I-5 JPA Policy Board

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

Subject: I-5 Tree Planting Contract (#15-01) Project Status

Recommendation: Approve

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.

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

Date: January 25, 2021

To: I-5 JPA Policy Board

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

Subject: I-5 Status Report

Recommendation: To support the inclusion of the “locally collaborated alternative” into the I-605 EIR and to circulate the document.

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.

I-5 (605/S) Segment – Status Table

Segment	Phase	% Const. Complete	% Const. Time 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	

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. Since we understand the current operational and capacity needs, this does mean that we also concur that the 2014 PSR option is no longer viable.

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 on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, with request for formal motion to support the inclusion of the most recent collaborations into the EIR. Lastly, it will be presented to the Gateway Cities Corridor Cities Committee (CCC) on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, made up of policy makers along the Corridor, with a similar request for support at that level. If supported by the GCCOG TAC and CCC, the full GCCOG Board will vote to support, and the item will then elevate directly to the Metro 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. We will brief him as soon as all committees have taken action, so he can represent us at the Metro Board level.

Contextual/Commentary Note: The “locally collaborated” alternative was an engineering collaboration between the technical teams at Metro, Caltrans, Santa Fe Springs, Downey and the I-5 JPA. The purpose of the collaboration was to agree on a technical alternative that minimizes impacts. At this point, we all concur that any less impacts would make it difficult to provide capacity and congestion relief, which is the primary goal of the freeway project. From a planning perspective, we need to start at a technical point meets the project goal subregionally and minimizes impacts to our communities, which is a balance.

It's unfair to redefine “collaboration” as a public process prior to any concept being released in an environmental document. The EIR is the public process where the option of either a “build” or “no build” alternative will be recommended.

This is always an educational process with the community It's important to note that the cities are not supporting the construction any project, including the locally collaborated alternative, rather only the inclusion of it into a document that will go through a public process, which will ultimately make a recommendation.

To try and kill a project prior to a public process is unfair to all parties, which is why we will push to circulate the EIR document now that the technical collaboration has been deemed satisfactory to all of us.

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

No substantive updates this month.

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.