



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, OCTOBER 26, 2020 - 2:00 PM
VIA ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE AT**

Member Cities:

Commerce
Downey
La Mirada
Norwalk
Santa Fe Springs

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DOWNEY, CA 90241**

**LA MIRADA
CITY HALL
13700 LA MIRADA BLVD.
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 – SEPTEMBER 28, 2020
Recommendation: Approve
- 1.2 I-5 JPA CHECK REGISTER
SEPTEMBER 6 – OCTOBER 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: Provide Direction and/or Receive and File
- 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 October 2020

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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, AUGUST 24, 2020
2:00 P.M.**

Chair John Soria called the Board Meeting of the Interstate 5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority to order at 2:06 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:

Jeff Boynton	City of La Mirada
Ray Cruz	City of Santa Fe Springs
John Oskoui	City of Downey
Jesus Gomez	City of Norwalk
John Yang	Caltrans District 7
Daniel Hernandez	City of Commerce
Noe Negrete	City of Santa Fe Springs
Theresa Devoy	City of Norwalk
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 – July 27, 2020
- I-5 JPA Check Register – July 16, 2020 – August 15, 2020
- I-5 Federal Transportation Report from Edington, Peel and Associates

M/S: Frometa/Ramirez

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 this agenda item includes 3 progress payments, for a total amount of \$449,171.68. She noted that the first progress payment #6 could be paid at this time, in the amount of \$92,520.14, including retention, but the other two (2) would need to be held until the reimbursement request to Caltrans for \$809,094.27 was received, that only the first progress payment #6 could be paid at this time, and the others would be paid once Caltrans deposits the funds. She noted that Caltrans is processing the reimbursement request and that there was no risk to the JPA as we would not be making payments to TreePeople unless we had funds in the account.

A motion was made to approve all three progress payments and release the funds as they become available based on the reimbursement/deposit from Caltrans.

M/S: Ramirez/Frometa

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 STATUS REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/AUTHORITY ENGINEER

Ms. Kirrin presented this item noting that phase 1 and phase 2 of the construction mitigation was still stalled due to Metro furloughs with accounting staff. She noted that phase 3 request for \$93.2 million was submitted to Metro. She noted that construction was moving along which are under construction between Valley View and Florence. Ms. Kirrin also noted that discussions continue regarding the impacts associated with the 605 EIR along both I-5 and I-605, based on the limited drawings that have been shared. She noted that the GCCOG has a policy committee called the

91/605/405 Corridor Cities Committee that adopted several guiding principals in 2007 specific to new freeway projects, which the first one includes not having right of way takes and staying within the State/Caltrans right of way for any new project. The TAC has also asked Metro several questions regarding the balance of impacts and technical benefits, owning that there is currently no reasonable alternative being presented. Ms. Kirrin has a follow up meeting with the GCCOG and Abdullah Ansari, Metro Highway Deputy Director that coming Wednesday to discuss Metro's strategy regarding the pending release of the EIR document.

The report was received and filed.

REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN

No Report.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Rounds asked Caltrans about the status of the property at Orr & Day Road and Florence. Caltrans noted that they are preparing plans for the property and plan to use a portion of it, while the rest will be surveyed and available for excess sale. Caltrans noted that they plan to keep approximately 50%. They noted that they will send Noe Negrete (TAC Chair and SFS Public Works Director) the plan. Board Member Rounds also thanked Caltrans for the lights under the Pioneer and Imperial bridges noting that it's nice and bright, and 1000% better. Lastly, Board Member Rounds noting that there is graffiti tagging going on under the bridges and that he'd reported it to the City Graffiti Crew, as well as fence repairs being needed.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MEMBERS

No Report.

REPORT FROM CALTRANS DISTRICT 7

John Yang noted that the Florence Avenue Bridge was going to be completed in the next 2 weeks, and that the cul-de-sac in Downey (that an easement was paid to keep open) would be closed permanently in September (mid). He noted that they'd be working on the Florence Avenue medians. He also noted that Caltrans would be restriping the freeway from Florence to Alondra, in coming days and that they are looking to expedite the Valley View interchange, as it's currently 1.5 years from completion.

REPORT FROM METRO

Victor reiterated that Metro consultant accounting staff remain furloughed and there hasn't been any progress since the last report.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Chair John Soria, Chair

Jesus Gomez, Secretary

To: I-5 JPA Policy Board
From: Theresa Devoy, City of Norwalk
Date: September 16, 2020 – October 15, 2020
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
9/14/2020				Deposit - Caltrans	I-5 Joint Powers Authority			4058.56	1,318,612.87
9/15/2020	1680	OA		Edington, Peel & Associates	Consultation & Representation for month of September 2020		2,083.33		1,316,529.54
9/21/2020	1681	CS	PY	TreePeople	Progress Payments #6, #7, & #8. Services from 3/7-6/26/20		426,713.10		889,816.44
10/14/2020	1682	BM		John Soria	Policy Board Meeting September 28, 2020		150.00		889,666.44
10/14/2020	1683	BM		Claudia Frometa	Policy Board Meeting September 28, 2020		150.00		889,516.44
10/14/2020	1684	BM		Rick Ramirez	Policy Board Meeting September 28, 2020		150.00		889,366.44
10/14/2020	1685	BM		Steve DeRuse	Policy Board Meeting September 28, 2020		150.00		889,216.44
10/14/2020	1686	BM		Bill Rounds	Policy Board Meeting September 28, 2020		150.00		889,066.44
10/14/2020	1687	OA		Edington, Peel & Associates	Consultation & Representation for month of October 2020		2,083.33		886,983.11

Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to I-5 JPA
October 1, 2020

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 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. There have been four packages thus far, with a fifth possibly to come. The House and Senate have spent extended periods out of session during the pandemic and during the August recess, but work continues at the staff level. On September 28, House Democrats released a \$2.2 trillion COVID-19 appropriations supplemental, the Heroes Act, that is a shortened version of the \$3.4 trillion supplemental that was offered in May. If no deal is reached between the Administration and Speaker Pelosi, it is expected that the House will vote on this measure this week. If the bill passes, then it will be sent to the Senate, where action is unlikely at this time.

With the beginning of Fiscal Year 2021 on October 1, a continuing resolution to keep federal agencies running is required. The House on September 22 approved its version of the CR by a vote of 359-57. Senate action is required for CR approval. The plan is for a short-term CR running through December 11. The FY21 Transportation, Housing, Urban Development and other appropriations measures will be included in the CR. I will continue to keep the I-5 JPA informed as the appropriations process moves forward.

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). The measure authorizes \$187 billion from the Highway Trust Fund over five years. This is a 27 percent increase over FAST Act funding. Over 90 percent of the funding will be distributed to states by formula. The bill awaits further action.

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: October 26, 2020

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 and Invoice Approval

Recommendation: Approve Progress Payment from TreePeople

Status of Invoicing:

The following includes a summary of the project financials. Included in the Agenda package is Progress Payment #9 for recommendation to the Policy Board to approve and pay. The work was completed in Norwalk, and the City has approved that the work (via the progress payment approval worksheet by City). The requested payment is for \$147,424.75 (with the retention deduction of 5% held).

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
Total Invoiced to Date =		\$ 1,258,266.95				

I-5 JPA Contract 15-01 Contract Budget = \$5,000,000						
Total Invoice	Amt. Paid	5% Retention	Remaining Contract Balance		Comments	Period of Performance
\$ 144,011.68	\$ 136,811.10	\$ 7,200.58	\$ 4,855,988.32		Progress Payment 1	3/6/2019 to 6/15/2019
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\$ 162,429.08	\$ 154,307.63	\$8,121.45	\$ 3,741,733.05		Progress Payment 8	5/26/20 and 6/26/20
\$ 155,185.00	\$ 147,425.75	\$7,759.25	\$ 3,586,548.05		Progress Payment 9	6/29/20 and 7/31/20

*There is no progress payment 5 due to combining of payment requests.

Status of Planting:

The following is a summary of the work completed as part of this progress payment reimbursement submittal. Between 6/29 and 7/31 TreePeople performed the following:

In City of Norwalk

- Planted 500 Parkway Trees. Species included:
 - Pine, Fern (*Podocarpus gracilior*) 128
 - Crape Myrtle, Muskogee (*Lagerstroemia indica* x *fauriei* 'Muskogee') 64
 - Magnolia, Southern (*Magnolia grandiflora*) 114
 - Box, Brisbane (*Tristanopsis conferta*) 11
 - Camphor Tree (*Cinnamomum camphora*) 115
 - Willow, Wilga; Australian (*Geijera parviflora*) 68

- Planted 0 Park Trees.
- No Neighborhood Trees were distributed to residents.
- TreePeople held a virtual event on July 13 for local residents, in lieu of holding volunteer events due to the COVID19 pandemic. We had 17 residents participate and we discussed TreePeople's work in the SELA region and focused on the project to plant more than 1,000 trees in Norwalk, the urban heat island effect, tree canopy coverage, the benefits of trees, ways to get involved, and the basics of tree care. Many residents were extremely interested in working with us in the future and some were interested in attending a future online tree care workshop.

- TreePeople crews continued to plant and care for trees throughout the reporting period.

Other Items:

- Total to Date trees planted: 5,115
- Total to Date volunteer hours 1,422
- One Map (jpeg) is included with this report that shows the locations of parkway trees planted for this period.
- Attached Spreadsheets include tree data for the following:
 - Norwalk-3 Parkway trees
- Plant establishment duties were carried out for previously planted trees
- 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 progress overall and discuss trees to be planted.

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

Date: October 26, 2020
To: I-5 JPA Policy Board
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

I-5 Construction Mitigation Projects

No Significant updates for Phase 1 and 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.

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.

Segment	Phase	% Const. Complete	% Const. Time Complete
Valley View (Segment 2)	In Construction	69%	63%
Rosecrans (Segment 3)	Construction Complete	Plant Establishment Period	
Norwalk (Segment 4)	In Construction	97%	84%
Florence (Segment 5)	In Construction	91%	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.

I-605 Corridor EIR Update

While we have continued to coordinate with Metro. A meeting was held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 between Metro, Caltrans and the Cities of Downey, SFS and myself, to continue to work toward a more reasonable and less impactful alternative. In summary, Metro staff was still hesitant to incorporate another alternative into the EIR, noting that they were open to design variations, but not an entirely new alternative. They noted that the EIR will be delayed until early 2021.

I believe that a collaborative working session(s) with the Metro consultant engineers could yield a less impactful alternative. I've been very clear with Metro that to move forward, we need collaborative process, and that trust is necessary in order for our Cities to be comfortable with any option/alternative included in the EIR, and that we will not endorse the release of the EIR document without that level of collaboration and understanding of not only what's included in the report, but how the determinations were made, and why the various assumptions are necessary. We want to come to agreement with Metro that the least most impactful design alternative is being presented publicly, prior to the release of the document.

Since the meeting (that afternoon), the Metro Board drafted a Board report and motion. It was just received on 10/22/20 and is attached to the Agenda package. I've shared my initial thoughts with Metro, from an information standpoint, consistent with the below narrative.

First, Metro agreed to delay the release of the EIS/EIR until early 2021. They want a fresh look at the scope of work and the alternatives proposed.

I agree. I believe that we are very grateful for Metro listening to the request from our member Cities, owing the concerns that have been raised prior to the release of the EIR document.

Second, Metro wants to take on a wholistic, equity-based examination of its projects' scopes to ensure investments do not increase induced demand or work against existing greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

I feel that this is an academic debate, and feel that it needs to be managed from a macro (all types of projects that Metro funds) level rather a micro (highway projects only) level, meaning there needs to be a balance in the region.

- Highway projects are always going to alter traffic patterns, and while a highway expansion project does induce an acute demand, it can be argued that the overall volumes traveling in the subregion remain the same. We are not in a rural area, therefore there is little opportunity to induce demand on I-5, via more housing (for example). From a land use perspective, indensification of the area will further congest the highway system, unless other transportation alternatives are available and convenient.
- The freeway expansion removes and reduces the vehicles using the local city streets and arterials.
- The freeway project provides additional safety and operational benefits on the existing highway system.

- The shift in volumes from the local streets to the freeway itself, improves the air quality and quality of life within the actual cities and communities, which is why the I-5 JPA was formed, consistent with our mission. Hence, the JPA and our member Cities are supportive of a freeway widening project, assuming the impacts are balanced with benefits, making it worth the investment.
- It should be noted that that planting trees, as a mitigation of the EIR, is able to reduce the overall carbon footprint yielded by any additional pavement area added on a freeway system. This is why the I-5 JPA, funded by Caltrans, is planting over 10,000 trees, to mitigate GHG and the carbon footprint from the recent I-5 widening that is either completed or nearly complete south of I-605.
- In summary:
 - the area is built out, there is minimal opportunity and potential to induce demand (meaning more people move to the area, or leave their existing transportation mode, and switch to a vehicle, on the overall transportation system), rather the traffic patterns are adjusted.
 - Furthermore, Metro is doing everything possible to encourage the use of light rail, bus transit, and active transportation, which provides the holistic equity-based investment in the subregion region.

Third, the Metro motion is considering including the need for an additional “locally-supported alternative” that minimizes right-of-way impacts and/or a stand-alone Transportation System/Demand Management (TSM/TDM) alternative similar to the TSM/TDM alternative put forth on the SR-710 North Project, as well as a review of the project’s purpose and need and its alignment with various local and state policies and plans related to equity, greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled.

I think this is a very positive development. I recommend that we support the motion. I only recommend only changing the alternative to be a “locally-collaborated alternative” that minimizes right of way impacts being incorporated into the EIR. I recommend this because we can’t guarantee that support will result from any alternative developed, however, we can participate, collaborate, and ultimately support the incorporation of an additional alternative into the EIR that gets publicly vetted.

Lastly, the Board will direct the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Planning and Programming Committee in January 2021 with a status update and in April 2021 with a final report on suggestions for other I-605 build alternatives.

Again, I believe this is a very positive development and we should provide support at the Metro meeting (politically) for the Board listening to our concerns.

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

Continuing to follow up on the status of an agreement between Caltrans and Metro.

PPP Update: No substantive updates this month.