

Agenda

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Streets and Freeways Subcommittee

Windsor Conference Room, 15, Floor

1. Call to Order Action (*Sharon Perlstein*)
1 min

2. Approval of Minutes Action (*Subcommittee*)
Attachment 1: Draft November 16, 2006 Minutes
1 min

3. Chairperson Report Information (*Sharon Perlstein*)
10 min

4. Metro Report Information (*Renee Berlin*)
15 min

5. Caltrans Report Information (*Kirk Cessna*)
15 min

6. State-Local Partnership Program Information (*David Yale*)
Attachment 2: Draft State-Local Partnership Guidelines
10 min

7. STIP Augmentation Update (*David Yale*)
Attachment 3: CTC Amendment of STIP Guidelines
15 min

8. 2007 Call for Projects Update (*Heather Hills*)
5 min

9. I-710 South EIR/EIS Project Update (*Ernest Morales/
Adrian Alvarez*)
20 min



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| 10. Congestion Mitigation Fee | Information (<i>Robert Calix/
Desiree Portillo-Rabinov</i>) |
| Attachment 4: Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Summary
<i>10 min</i> | |
| 11. Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan | Update (<i>Michelle Smith</i>) |
| Attachment 5: Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan Survey No. 2
<i>20 min</i> | |
| 12. New Business | Discussion (<i>Subcommittee</i>) |
| <i>5 min</i> | |
| 13. Adjournment | Action (<i>Subcommittee</i>) |
| <i>1 min</i> | |

The next meeting of the Streets and Freeways Subcommittee will be held on February 15, 2007 at 9:30 AM in the Windsor Conference Room, 15th Floor. Please contact Renee Berlin at (213) 922-3035 or Nirva Parikh at (213) 922-1079 should you have any questions or comments regarding this or future agendas.

Attachment 1

November 16, 2006 Streets and Freeways Meeting Minutes

Attendance Roster

Handouts

Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles County
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Streets and Freeways Subcommittee

Windsor Room 15th Floor

Members & Alternates: Kirk Cessna, Maged Al-Rabaa, Victor Rollinger, Michael Uyeno, Renee Berlin, Mohammad Mostahkami, Sharon Perlstein, Abdollah Ansari, Fred Zohrehvand, Kenneth Johnson, Joseph Alcock, Steve Shenian, Steve Huang, Bahman Janka, Michelle Mowery, Curtis Nay

1. **Call to Order: Sharon Perlstein (Chair)**

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM.

2. **Approval of the October 19, 2006 Minutes (Subcommittee)**

Joseph Alcock (Southern California Associates of Governments) noted a correction to the October 2006 minutes that the adoption year for the RTP is 2008 not 2006 (on the sixth line, page 3). Kirk Cessna also wanted to clarify that he would speak with Caltrans Headquarters not FHWA (on sixth line, page 3) on extending the deadline for the Safe Routes to School applications.

After noting these corrections, Michael Uyeno (City of Los Angeles) motioned to approve the October 19, 2006 minutes as corrected, seconded by Maged Al-Rabaa (County of Los Angeles). The minutes were approved.

3. **Chairperson Report (Sharon Perlstein, Chair)**

The Chair reminded the Subcommittee that the December 21, 2006 meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will take place January 18, 2007.

4. **Metro Report: (Renee Berlin, Metro and Joseph Alcock, SCAG)**

Renee Berlin made the following announcements:

- The Las Virgenes Malibu COG has appointed Tom Gdala (City of Calabasas) as the primary member and Ken Berkman (City of Agoura Hills) as his alternate to Subcommittee. Both will serve as primary and alternate respectively on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).
- John Cato has resigned from Metro to accept the position of General Manager of the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WAMTA). Carolyn Flowers has been appointed interim Chief Operating Officer.
- Mary Peters has been confirmed as the Federal Secretary of Transportation. She replaced Norman Mineta.

- Two projects funded through the Call recently opened. A City of Los Angeles Bike path in Sylmar between Roxford and Hubbard and the City of South Pasadena's Orange Grove and Arroyo Seco Parkway Interchange Project which is an I-710 mitigation project.
- Propositions A and C and TDA sales tax revenue were 7.9% above Metro's budget amount for FY 2006.
- At 10:00 a.m., city representatives who were given extensions on their Call for Projects on the condition that they provide status reports every six months to the Subcommittee will be providing updates on their project status.

Bahman Janka (San Gabriel Valley COG) requested that the cities submit their status in writing prior to the meeting and that these be provided to Subcommittee members in advance. This would negate the need to have each sponsor provide oral status reports. Sponsors would still need to attend the meeting to respond to potential questions by Subcommittee members. Ms. Berlin explained that the city representatives are not asking for an extension; rather, they are updating the Subcommittee on their progress to meet the existing extension deadline. Mr. Janka suggested that representatives should be present for questions rather than make formal presentations.

5. **Caltrans Report: Inactive Projects (Kirk Cessna, Caltrans)**

Mr. Cessna announced that the Cooperative Work Agreement Exception requests are due November 29, 2006 to his office. Agencies may respond in three ways: 1) close the project; 2) invoice the project; or 3) request an extension. If agencies request an extension, a strong justification will be needed in order for Caltrans to recommend it.

Mr. Cessna reported that there has been no formal extension of the application deadline for the Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S). Although he has spoken with some individuals at Caltrans Headquarters, there hasn't been a change in the application deadline. Mr. Cessna explained that he will continue to see if the deadline can be extended.

Mr. Cessna reminded Subcommittee members that the Bicycle Transportation Account applications are due December 1, 2006.

Lastly, Mr. Cessna reported that Caltrans is experiencing longer times processing fund requests. Headquarters has lost one of their key staff people who handle these requests. As a result, it is taking longer to review and process the requests. If local agencies are having problems, then Mr. Cessna offered himself as a resource. Agencies may contact him with questions at: (213) 897-0131.

Michael Uyeno said that Headquarters had mentioned possibly offering a second deadline for the SR2S applications. Mr. Uyeno explained that he and the City of Los Angeles are negotiating a March deadline. Michelle Mowery (Bicycle Coordination) asked when Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) funding will begin. Mr. Cessna said that he will find out and get in touch with Ms. Mowery. Ms. Mowery also pointed out that the Caltrans website is extremely difficult to navigate. Information is very difficult access because sometimes it is located in the middle of the page as opposed to the top. Michael Uyeno also asked whether anyone receives email notification from Caltrans whenever new information is posted on the website.

Most Subcommittee members stated that they do not receive the notifications. Mr. Cessna said that he will address these issues with the appropriate Headquarters' personnel.

Mohammad Mostahkami (Gateway Cities COG) asked for an update on his request to have a SR2S applicant workshop. Mr. Cessna said he plans to arrange one for December 2006 before the holidays, however, he was having difficulty obtaining a commitment from Headquarters personnel.

6. **TIMED AGENDA ITEM: Project Status Reports**

Six representatives from local agencies updated the Subcommittee on the following items:

- Sepulveda Blvd. Centinela to Lincoln Blvd. (Peter Meshkin, LA DOT)
- Sepulveda Blvd. Reversible Lane (Peter Meshkin, LA DOT)
- Ocean Ave. Signal System (Gerald Tom, City of Santa Monica)
- East Downtown Truck Access Improvements (Vahik Vartanians, LA DOT)
- I-710/Firestone Blvd. Interchange Reconstruction Project (Mohammad Mostahkami, City of South Gate.)
- East San Gabriel Valley SOM Pilot Project (Jane White, County of Los Angeles)
- Pomona Valley Traffic Signal Forum Improvement Project (Jane White, County of Los Angeles)
- SELAC-Traffic Signal Synchronization Corridors Project (Jane White, County of Los Angeles)
- West San Gabriel Valley Signal SOM & Bus Speed Improvements (Jane White, County of Los Angeles)
- Gateway Cities Traffic Signal Corridors Project, Phase II (Jane White, County of Los Angeles)
- South Bay Signal Synchronization & Bus Speed Improvements (Jane White, County of Los Angeles)
- Compton TMOc and Retrofit of City Traffic Signal System (Charles Bergson, City of Compton)

Each presenter distributed handouts summarizing each project's status (please refer to attached handouts). Subcommittee members made the following comments in response to the presentations listed above.

Sepulveda Blvd. Centinela to Lincoln Blvd. (Peter Meshkin, LA DOT)

Ms. Berlin clarified that Metro received an application for supplemental funding on this project. Mr. Meshkin agreed. Ms. Berlin pointed out that this project will not be complete by the June 2007 deadline. Mr. Meshkin explained that this project was rescoped several times. A final scope was selected last year. Between then, LADOT was designing the project and receiving environmental clearance. In addition, LADOT recently secured approval for the Federal PM 2.5 findings.

Sepulveda Blvd. Reversible Lane (Peter Meshkin, LA DOT)

Ms. Berlin suggested that the construction contract be awarded prior to Metro beginning the deobligation process in May to avoid the risk of deobligation.

Michelle Mowery pointed out that this project is a critical component of the City of Los Angeles' Bike lane network because it serves as the only connection between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside. Ms. Berlin said she understood the project's importance. However, Metro funded this project in 2001 and the project will not meet its

extended completion date of June 2007. Mr. Meshkin explained that the design change took extra time to complete causing a delay in the schedule.

Ocean Ave. Signal System (Gerald Tom, City of Santa Monica)

Ms. Berlin reiterated her suggestion. To avoid the risk of deobligation of funds, it is important to accelerate the project's schedule. Mr. Tom noted the suggestion.

East Downtown Truck Access Improvements (Vahik Vartanians, LA DOT)

Ms. Berlin asked the length of the construction period. Mr. Vartanians responded that construction will take two years.

I-710 / Firestone Blvd. Interchange Reconstruction Project (Mohammad Mostahkami, League of Cities Gateway Cities / South East)

Mr. Mostahkami represented the City of South Gate on behalf of Mr. Mahmoud Anjomshoaa. He distributed a project summary. This project received a three year extension from Metro. Everything so far is up-to-date and perhaps running ahead of schedule. Right now the City is preparing for the CE that will be released by Caltrans in December 2006. The City of South Gate will advertise for a consultant in December 2006. Mr. Mostahkami said that they expect to complete this project in April 2009.

Los Angeles County Project Status Updates (Jane White, Los Angeles County)

Mike Uyeno suggested that each of the project summaries include the extension deadlines and any other extension conditions. Ms. Berlin responded that all local agencies have two year extensions, except for the City of South Gate who was granted a 3 year extension.

Compton TMOC and Retrofit of City Traffic Signal System (Charles Bergson, City of Compton)

Ms. Berlin explained that he will not need to ask for a time extension until the project deadline, or June 2007. The purpose of today's presentation is to update Metro and the Subcommittee on project status. Ms. Berlin asked whether the federal funds on this project are already secured. Mr. Bergson replied that they were secured until 2009. Mr. Uyeno said that if Mr. Bergson completes the design process by February 2007, then it will take at least 6 weeks to acquire an E-76. Mr. Uyeno also asked whether Mr. Bergson has already completed the PM 2.5 process. Mr. Bergson did not know. Mr. Uyeno said that if the City of Compton has not already completed this process then Caltrans will require it.

7. FSP Beat Structure Update (Gary Hewitt, Metro)

Mr. Hewitt announced that he assumed the Metro Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) manager position in March 2006. He distributed two handouts: 1) a brochure that explains the program; and 2) a map depicting the Metro FSP beat areas.

Metro's goal for this program is to relieve freeway traffic congestion by clearing stalled vehicles from the road. The Metro FSP circulates 150 tow trucks on designated beats on freeways during peak hours to assist motorists with minor problems related to fueling needs, engine related needs including jumpstarting, and fixing flat tires, etc. In total, the Metro FSP program covers 450 miles of freeway.

