



Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority

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ALAMEDA CORRIDOR-EAST CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA Monday, September 25, 2017 – Noon San Gabriel City Hall 425 S. Mission Drive San Gabriel, CA 91776

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- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call and Introductions
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2017 (Pages 1 – 4) Action
- V. Chairman's Remarks
- VI. Board Member Comments
- VII. Chief Executive Officer's Report (Pages 5 – 6) Information
- VIII. Project Construction Progress Reports Information

The ACE Construction Authority is constituted of seven (7) member jurisdiction; the Cities of El Monte, Industry, Montebello, San Gabriel and Pomona, the County of Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. Each member or alternate has one vote. A quorum of the ACE Construction Authority is no less than four (4) of its total voting membership. Actions taken by the ACE Construction Authority shall be by simple majority of the members present with a quorum in attendance except for personnel actions, the annual budget, matters dealing with the Administrative Code or matters requiring subsequent approval by the SGVCOG, all of which shall require five (5) votes. All disclosable public records related to this meeting are available for viewing at the ACE office above during normal working hours.

- IX. Approval of Task Order 1 under the Contract with Pre-Science Corporation for Construction Management Services for Durfee Avenue Grade Separation Project (Pages 7 – 8) Action
- X. Approval of Amended Work Authorizations for Southern California Gas Company Transmission for the Fairway Drive Grade Separation Project (Pages 9 – 10) Action
- XI. Closed Session: The Board will adjourn to closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54957 to discuss the performance of the Chief Executive Officer; and Possible Action
- In accordance with Government Code Section 54956.8 to discuss conference with real property negotiators.
Property Address: 4754 Durfee Avenue, Pico Rivera, CA 90660
- Agency Negotiator: Mark Christoffels, ACE, Mark Mendoza, Paragon Partners
- Negotiating Parties: ACE Construction Authority and Carlos and Carmen Lartundo, George Lartundo, Lillia Demasi and Carlos Lartundo, Jr.
- Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
- XII. Adjournment Action



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ACE Construction Authority Board of Directors Meeting July 24, 2017 Minutes

Chairperson Costanzo called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority to order at noon at the San Gabriel City Hall Council Chambers.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Armand Kirakossian, nephew of member Hadjinian led the pledge of allegiance.
2. **Roll Call:** Chairperson Costanzo asked Mr. Christoffels to call the roll.
In attendance was:
Juli Costanzo, San Gabriel, Chair
Victoria Martinez, El Monte, Vice Chair
Barbara Messina, SGVCOG
Tim Sandoval, Pomona
Hilda Solis, LA County Board of Supervisors

Staff:

Mark Christoffels, CEO
Gregory Murphy, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, legal counsel
Deanna Stanley
Charles Tsang
Genichi Kanow
Phil Balmeo
Rachel Korkos
Cecilia Cardenas
Ricky Choi

Guests:

Irantzu Pujadas, Rep. Lowenthal
Bob Magys, CH2Mill
Talin Espinoza, Twining
Chuck Tran, Prescience Corp.
Suhash Patel, Moffatt & Nichol
Charlie Nakamoto, Jacobs
Joshua Nelson, CNC Engineering

3. **Public Comments** – Liam Balmeo addressed the Board and thanked his father Phil Balmeo for his hard work on the San Gabriel Trench Project.
4. **Approval of June 26, 2017 Board meeting minutes** – A motion was made by member Messina and seconded by member Hadjinian to approve the June 26, 2017 regular Board meeting minutes.

M/S/C/Messina/Hadjinian/Passed Abstentions: Martinez, Solis

5. **Chairman Remarks** – Chair Costanzo expressed her appreciation to the staff for the success of the earlier inaugural train event. She also reminded the Board that the Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for July 27th at 10AM at the ACE office.
6. **Board Member Comments** – Vice Chair Martinez acknowledged the collaborative effort of staff and City for the success of the San Gabriel Trench project. Member Hadjinian also expressed his appreciation for ACE and its accomplishments. Member Messina also congratulated the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.
7. **Chief Executive Officer's Report** – Mr. Christoffels expressed his appreciation for California Transportation Commission member Fran Inman, Executive Director Susan Branson and Deputy Director Dawn Cheser for being present at the meeting.
8. **Construction Progress Reports** – Charles Tsang, Senior Project Manager reviewed construction project photos for the Fairway Drive grade separation project that included shoring for the Lemon Avenue eastbound on and off ramps. Mark Christoffels reviewed the progress photos for preparation of the 55 hour street closure which happened July 14-17th. Genichi Kanow, Senior Project Manager reviewed the Puente Avenue grade separation photos that included forming abutment work on the Valley Boulevard bridge and installation of a water main on Puente Avenue. Phil Balmeo reviewed the work.
9. **Approval of Contract Amendment with CH2MHill for Design Support Services During Construction for the Fairway Drive Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels indicated CH2MHill was the designer under contract through construction for reviewing and making any additions to designs during the course of construction. He indicated it was determined due to track alignment and soil conditions the equipment proposed would not be able to operate safely between two live tracks. He indicated the designers were required to prepare revised design plans include a shoofly and spur tracks. Additionally the proposed construction method of a storm drain required redesign and finally, that design changes to the interchange at Lemon was required by Caltrans. Mr. Christoffels indicated staff was requesting the Board approve an additional \$623,943 to carry the designer through the completion of the project. There were no questions.

A motion was made to authorize the Chief Executive Officer amend the contract with CH2MHill to add \$623,943 for additional design support and design revisions for the Fairway Drive grade separation project for a new total contract value of \$7,829,304.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Messina/Unanimous

10. **Approval of Selection and Award of Contract for Construction Management Services to PreScience Corporation for the Durfee Avenue Grade Separation Project** – Mr. Christoffels reviewed the procurement process for the selection of construction management services for the Durfee Avenue grade separation project.

He indicated the three highest ranked firms were Hill International, Jacobs and PreScience Corporation. He reminded the Board that upon approval of the selection and award, negotiations will proceed and that an initial task order for \$100,000 needed to be initiated in order for PreScience to begin required constructability review. He reminded the Board that a 17% DBE goal was set for this procurement but Prescience committed to 96%, as Prescience itself is a DBE firm. There were no questions.

A motion was made to approve the selection of Prescience Corporation to provide construction management services for the Durfee Avenue grade separation project, and authorize the CEO to negotiate, execute a contract and issue an initial task order for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

M/S/C/Martinez/Messina/Unanimous

11. **Approval of Contract Amendment for Moffatt & Nichol for Design Support Services During Construction for the Puente Avenue Grade Separation Project** - Mr. Christoffels reported that Moffatt & Nichol, the designer for the Puente Avenue grade separation project was tasked with providing design support during construction including responding to requests for information. He indicated the estimated effort has exceeded what was previously approved. He reported that the number of inquiries and submittals from the contractor as well as other construction tasks have increased. He indicated staff was confident an additional \$177,000 would be sufficient to carry the contractor through the end of the project.

A motion was made to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with Moffatt & Nichol to add \$177,000 for additional design support services during construction of the Puente Avenue grade separation project, for a new total contract value of \$7,470,547.

M/S/C/Martinez/Messina/Unanimous

12. **Receive and File Quarterly Finance and Project Progress Reports Schedule** – Mr. Christoffels reported the following project updates: At grade crossing safety is at 30% design completion with expected construction contract to be awarded in April 2019; Durfee Avenue is at 95% design completion and expected construction contract to be awarded in May 2018; Fairway Drive is at 25% construction completion and expected to be complete in January 2021; Fullerton Road is at 15% construction completion and expected to be complete in December 2020; Montebello Corridor at 20% design completion and expected construction contract to be awarded in November 2018; Puente Avenue is at 70% construction completion with expected completion in October 2018; San Gabriel Trench is at 85% construction completion with an expected completion in February 2018 and finally Temple Avenue is at 90%

construction completion with final completion expected in November 2017. Mr. Christoffels reviewed the project cost estimates and funding sources.

A motion was made to receive and file the Quarterly Project Progress Reports.


M/S/C/Hadjinian/Solis/Unanimous

13. **Receive and File Quarterly Mitigated Monitoring Reports** – Mr. Christoffels reviewed the quarterly mitigated monitoring reports assuring the Board that ACE remains in compliance with its reporting requirements.

A motion was made to receive and file the Quarterly Mitigated Monitoring Reports.

M/S/C/Hadjinian/Martinez/Unanimous

14. **Adjournment** – The Chair reminded the Board that the next meeting would be held on August 28th at noon. The meeting adjourned at 12:31PM

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Deanna Stanley
Clerk of the Board



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MEMO TO: ACE Construction Authority Board Members & Alternates

FROM: Mark Christoffels
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: September 25, 2017

SUBJECT: CEO Report

The following are items of note since the last meeting:

TIGER Grant Program – ACE is preparing to submit an application seeking funding from Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery or “TIGER” discretionary grant program by the deadline of October 16, 2017. The TIGER program has awarded a total of \$5.1 billion over eight successive rounds of federal funding to transportation projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region. The FY 17 program will make \$500 million available.

SGV Caucus Meeting – I gave an update presentation regarding the ACE projects at a meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus held in the State Capitol on August 30. The presentation focused on funding opportunities through the Senate Bill 1 (Beall) grant programs being developed by the California Transportation Commission. Sponsors of other San Gabriel Valley priority transportation projects also delivered presentations at the meeting.

SGVCOG/ACE Merger – At their August 17th meeting, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Governing Board approved a reorganizational structure of the ACE Construction Authority. The SGVCOG and ACE will be combined into one organization with one Executive Director. While there remain many steps necessary to fully implement the restructured organization such as amended bylaws and joint powers authority agreement, both staffs are committed to working cooperatively towards fulfilling the adopted Governing Board directive.

Project Staff Assignments – Due to the impending retirement of Senior Project Manager Genichi Kanow the Temple Avenue project and Puente Avenue grade separation project have been re-assigned to Phil Balmeo. Mr. Kanow, hired in August 2010, oversaw the Baldwin Avenue project and brought the Puente Avenue to 75% construction complete before beginning his vacation. The Temple Avenue project has essentially been completed. Mr. Kanow is on vacation until his official retirement date. His unique management style is credited with great working relationships with his contractors which helped in keeping projects within schedule and budget.

Contracting – Our Administrative Code delegates to the CEO the authority to approve new contracts or change orders for Board-approved contracts within certain limits, with a requirement that I report to the Board any such contract action. Since my last report, I have approved the following:

Consultant/Vendor	Reason for Change	Change Amount	Total Contract Value
OHL USA, Inc.	Puente Avenue Grade Separation project: Change Order No. 010. Quantity Adjustments BI 66, 90, 116, 117	\$72,260	\$39,154,528
Walsh Construction Co.	San Gabriel Trench Project - CCO # 33 - San Gabriel OH Bridge Concrete Barrier Finish; CMU Wall Field Changes; Trench Facing Wall Concrete	\$142,319	\$167,499,421
LSA Associates, Inc.	Additional Environmental Services for the Montebello Corridor project	\$27,355	\$464,406
Ken Spiker & Associates, Inc.	Additional Risk Management & Insurance Services	\$1,272	\$51,272
Vasquez & Company	Additional Financial Audit Services relative to the L.A. Regional Water Quality Control Board	\$4,400	\$45,100

Community Outreach Update – Staff conducted the following project outreach activities:

- Distributed construction alert notices regarding temporary crossing closures at Walnut Grove Avenue, Del Mar Avenue and Ramona Street for the San Gabriel Trench project;
- Distributed construction alert notices regarding repaving work on Valley Boulevard at the San Gabriel Boulevard intersection and on Agostino Road for the San Gabriel Trench project;
- Distributed construction alert notices regarding the 36-month closure of Fullerton Road between Railroad Street and Rowland Street/San Jose Avenue for the Fullerton Road project;
- Distributed construction alert notices regarding a temporary closure of Walnut Drive North at the Fairway Drive intersection for the Fairway Drive project;
- Provided staff support for a tour of the ACE projects for the staff of Congressman Ed Royce; and
- Conducted ongoing community outreach and support activities for the San Gabriel Trench, Puente Avenue, Fairway Drive and Fullerton Road grade separation projects.



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MEMO TO: ACE Construction Authority Board Members and Alternates

FROM: Mark Christoffels
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: September 25, 2017

SUBJECT: Approval of Task Order 1 under the Contract with Pre-Science Corporation for Construction Management Services for Durfee Avenue Grade Separation Project

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the full Task Order 1 (pre-construction management) under the construction management (CM) services contract with PreScience Corporation (PreScience) for a not-to-exceed amount of \$235,979 for the Durfee Avenue grade separation project.

BACKGROUND: At the July 2017 meeting, the Board approved the selection and award of PreScience for the construction management services for Durfee Avenue grade separation project and authorized a limited notice to proceed for the pre-construction management (pre-CM) services task order.

The pre-CM services (Task Order 1) includes the following tasks:

• Constructability Analysis	• Project Management Services
• Bid Support	• Pre-Condition Survey
• Advanced Utility Coordination	• Special Work Assignments

Proposed costs for the above pre-construction CM tasks were compared with estimates prepared by staff and any discrepancies were resolved. Staff recently concluded contract negotiations and is recommending approval of a not to exceed contract amount of \$235,979. This contract value is inclusive of an initial limited notice to proceed for \$100,000 previously issued by the CEO and an additional \$135,979 being authorized under this request.

This authorization will also allow a 10% contingency allowance in accordance with normal agency procedures. Any contract amount changes from the above figure due to contract amendments during Task Order 1 pre-construction CM services that exceed the CEO's authorization will be brought back to the Board for further consideration and approval.

Construction CM tasks (Task Order 2) under this contract will be negotiated when the project goes out to bid and will be brought back to the Board for separate approval.

BUDGET IMPACT: Funds for this contract are available from Federal and Metro funds.



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MEMO TO: ACE Construction Authority Board Members and Alternates

FROM: Mark Christoffels
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: September 25, 2017

SUBJECT: Approval of Amended Work Authorizations for Southern California Gas Company Transmission for the Fairway Drive Grade Separation

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board authorize the processing of 2 collectible work authorizations for the Southern California Gas Company (SCGC) for the relocation of affected transmission gas facilities necessary for the Fairway Drive (LA Subdivision) grade separation, and authorize the updated additional reimbursement payments to SCGC in the total amount of \$1,564,759 to cover ACE's portion of the total relocation costs.

BACKGROUND: Grade separation projects typically include the relocation of underground utilities due to the lowering of the roadway underneath the tracks. Among the many utilities impacted by the Fairway Drive grade separation project is the relocation of a 30-inch high-pressure gas transmission line.

In our relocation agreements, SCGC must pay for any relocation work for their facilities located within their franchised rights (generally defined as public streets). For facilities located within SCGC easements outside of the public streets, or in easements that pre-date the dedications of the streets, ACE is required to pay SCGC for their costs to relocate to accommodate the proposed project. On the Fairway Drive project, SCGC has several locations located outside of franchised rights and therefore ACE is required to pay for the relocations. The SCGC relocation work for which ACE is responsible to pay for, also known as "collectable work" and includes a 30-inch gas main located in easements East and West of Fairway Drive.

At the January 2015 meeting, the Board approved a Work Authorization for the relocation of these SCGC facilities in the estimate amount of \$1,008,478. As construction commenced on the project, site conditions resulted in ACE requesting SCGC to redesign their relocation to accommodate other design revisions and to alter the installation method. SCGC has issued two revised Work Authorizations, and is requesting additional payment from ACE to fund their revised relocation effort. ACE's portion of the current total estimated relocation cost is \$2,710,288. Based on the previous action by the Board, authorization of an additional payment of \$1,564,759 is being requested

Staff has reviewed the supporting documents and concurs with SCGC's cost estimate for the additional relocation costs as requested. To insure ACE does not over compensate

SCGC, the Utility Agreement gives ACE the right to audit and verify the actual costs associated with this work.

BUDGET IMPACT: Funding for the SCGC Transmission line relocation work including this additional request is within budgeted amounts for this project and will be paid using a combination of budgeted TCIF and Measure R funds.