



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, JUNE 26, 2017 - 2:00 PM

**NORWALK CITY HALL
12700 NORWALK BLVD, CONFERENCE ROOM 4
NORWALK CA 90650**

Member Cities:

Commerce
Downey
La Mirada
Norwalk
Santa Fe Springs

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

RECOGNITION OF CHAIR LEON FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE I-5 JPA

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 – May 22, 2017

Recommendation: Approve

1.2 I-5 JPA CHECK REGISTER

May 16, 2017 – June 15, 2017

Recommendation: Approve

1.3 I-5 CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION PROJECTS WARRANT LIST

May 6, 2017 – June 7, 2017

Recommendation: Approve

1.4 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Jim Dykstra – Edington, Peel and Associates

Recommendation: Approve

End of Consent Calendar

2.0 I-5 JPA POLICY BOARD – SELECTION OF A NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Recommendation: Select new Policy Board Chair and Vice Chair

3.0 I-5 JPA FY 2016/2017 BUDGET

Recommendation: Approve

**4.0 CALTRANS AGREEMENT FOR THE JPA URBAN REFORESTATION
MITIGATION PLAN – DISTRICT AGREEMENT NO. _ENV-07-12**

Recommendation: Approve

**5.0 CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION PROJECTS – PHASE 1 & PHASE 2 – STATUS,
PHASE 3 PROJECT STATUS**

Recommendation: Approve

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

Recommendation: Provide Direction and/or Receive and File

7.0 REPORT FROM CHAIR

Recommendation: Receive and File

8.0 REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Recommendation: Receive and File

9.0 REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MEMBERS

Recommendation: Receive and File

10.0 REPORT FROM CALTRANS, DISTRICT 7

Recommendation: Receive and File

11.0 REPORT FROM METRO

Recommendation: Receive and File

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Jessica Bargas-Jimenez
Office Assistant II
City of Norwalk

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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
NORWALK CITY HALL
ROOM #4
NORWALK, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017
2:00 P.M.**

Chairman Mike Mendez called the Board Meeting of the Interstate 5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority to order at 2:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

Board Member Steve DeRuse	City of La Mirada
Board Member Fernando Vasquez	City of Downey
Board Member Luigi Vernola	City of Norwalk
Chair Lilia R. Leon	City of Commerce

Board Members absent:
Board Member Richard Moore

City of Santa Fe Springs

Others present:

Jeff Boynton	City of La Mirada
John Oskoui	City of Downey
Thaddeus McCormack	City of Santa Fe Springs
Mike Egan	City of Norwalk
Matt Rodriguez	City of Commerce
John Yang	Caltrans District 7
Victor Kau	Metro
Adriana Figueroa	City of Norwalk
Yvette Kirrin	I-5 JPA
Isaac Segovia	Morgner Construction

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Previous Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2017
- I-5 JPA Check Register – April 16, 2017 through May 15, 2017
- I-5 Construction Mitigation Projects Warrant List – April 7, 2017 – May 15, 2017
- I-5 Federal Transportation Report from Edington, Peel and Associates

M/S: Verola/DeRuse

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes: PB Members DeRuse, Vernola, Vasquez and Chair Leon

No: None

Absent: PB Member Moore

I-5 JPA FY 2016/2017 BUDGET

This item was continued to the next meeting, with no discussion held, due to a Board Member being absent from the meeting, as financial determinations/decisions require a full Board, not a simple majority.

CALTRANS AGREEMENT FOR THE JPA URBAN REFORESTATION MITIGATION PLAN – DISTRICT AGREEMENT NO. ENV-07-12

Ms. Kirrin introduced the item, noting that the agreement had come to the Policy Board in the past, which was approved on a forum once approved by legal. She noted that since that time that several substantive changes had taken place which prompted the item to come back to the Board. These changes included and increased scope to include more trees, specifically to be placed in the conservancy area, and a change to the reimbursement language which puts the I-5 JPA in charge of the contract financially, but allows for a \$1 million advance from Caltrans on the invoicing, so that the I-5 JPA doesn't have to leverage any funds.

A motion was made to receive and file the report.

M/S: Deruse/Vernola

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes: PB Members DeRuse, Vernola, Vasquez and Chair Leon

No: None

Absent: PB Member Moore

CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION PROJECTS - STATUS

Ms. Kirrin presented this item. She noted that there wasn't significant activity going on with either Phase 1 or Phase 2, and that Phase 1 was being reconciled for close out (audit) and 100% of construction was complete on Phase 2. Phase 3 wasn't discussed.

A motion was made to receive and file the report.

M/S: Vasquez/DeRuse

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes: PB Members DeRuse, Vernola, Vasquez and Chair Leon

No: None

Absent: PB Member Moore

I-5 STATUS REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/AUTHORITY ENGINEER

Ms. Kirrin presented this item. She noted the following:

- Construction Completes were provided for the I-5 segments in construction, including 86% for Rosecrans/Bloomfield/I-5, 69% for Norwalk/Imperial/I-5, 42% for Florence/I-5 and 96% for Carmenita/I-5.
- Ms. Kirrin noted that the I-605 EIR scoping one-on-one meetings were occurring with each City to review the plans and the alternatives.

A motion was made to receive and file the report.

M/S: Vasquez/DeRuse

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes: PB Members DeRuse, Vernola, Vasquez and Chair Leon

No: None

Absent: PB Member Moore

REPORT FROM CHAIR LILIA R. LEON

Chair Leon provided an update regarding the City of Commerce Council election that was scheduled for June 6, 2017. She was wished well in the election process.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

No Report.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY MEMBERS

No Report.

REPORT FROM CALTRANS DISTRICT 7

Mr. Yang provided an update regarding the current construction status of Florence, including updates on noise and relocation assistance.

REPORT FROM METRO

No Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Lilia R. Leon, Chair

Jeff Boynton, Secretary

To: I-5 JPA Policy Board

From: Adriana Figueroa, City of Norwalk, Administrative Services Manager

Date: June 2017

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 16-17				319,362.66
5/22/2017				Deposit-LA County Metro	I-5 Joint Powers Authority	2-2017-01		399,000.00	636,974.04
5/25/2017	1408	BM		Luigi Vemola	Policy Board Meeting - May 22, 2017		150.00		636,824.04
5/25/2017	1409	BM		Lilia R. Leon	Policy Board Meeting - May 22, 2017		150.00		636,674.04
5/25/2017	1410	BM		Fernando Vasquez	Policy Board Meeting - May 22, 2017		150.00		636,524.04
5/25/2017	1411	BM		Steve DeRuse	Policy Board Meeting - May 22, 2017		150.00		636,374.04
6/8/2017	1412	LGL		Edington, Peel & Associates, Inc.	Consultation and representation for the month of June 2017		4,250.00		632,124.04
6/14/2017	1413	LGL		Lagerlof, Senecal, Gosney & Kruse, LLP	Special Counsel Matters: Disbursements, GSO Delivery Service 4-20-17		14.23		632,109.81
6/14/2017	1414	BM		Fernando Vasquez	Policy Board Meeting - April 24, 2017 - Reissue of check #1400		150.00		631,959.81

To: I-5 JPA Administrative Entity

From: Adriana Figueroa, City of Norwalk, Administrative Services Manager

Date: May 2017 - Report for I-5 Construction Mitigation Projects – Request for Warrant Approval Recommendation to Policy Board

Phase 1 – Construction Mitigation Projects

No Invoice this month.

Phase 2 – Construction Mitigation Projects

No Invoice this month.

Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to I-5 JPA
June 2017

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 early days of the 115th Congress, providing legislative guidance and information. I also continue to work with the Gateway Cities COG, which has established the I-5 widening project as its number one priority.

While in Southern California in late April, I met with Yvette and others and received an update on the status of the I-5 widening project. I asked for a one page briefing paper that I can use in contacts with staff of Members representing cities in the I-5 JPA and received a copy of the latest briefing slides on the I-5 project. I also discussed with her a meeting held on Monday, April 24, with Rep. Alan Lowenthal, a new member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, in which she was part of the team briefing him.

I have provided information regarding membership, leadership and staff changes, as well as committee priorities, in the early months of the 115th Congress. This has included information about leadership changes and membership in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Environment and Public Works and Commerce Committees. I alerted the I-5 JPA to Rep. Lowenthal's appointment to the T&I Committee and Sen. Kamala Harris's appointment to the EPW Committee, an important assignment with the retirement of her predecessor, Sen. Barbara Boxer, who had been ranking Democrat on the committee. I have also provided information regarding leadership of the US Department of Transportation. As the new Administration continues to be organized, I will be providing further information on leadership and staff changes that will occur.

I have provided information about a possible Administration infrastructure initiative, as well as a proposed \$1 trillion Congressional Democrat proposal. I alerted I-5 JPA officials of a list reported to have been submitted to the Administration by state governors of priority projects they wish to be included if an infrastructure initiative moves forward, and I have had follow on conversations and exchanges with I-5 JPA officials about possible ways to attempt to achieve the project's inclusion in any initiative that does move forward.

I continue to work with Gateway Cities COG and I-5 JPA staff regarding earmarked funds secured several years ago by Rep. Grace Napolitano that have not yet been spent and that could be reallocated to other projects if not used by FY19. I am working with Yvette, Gateway Cities and the Congresswoman's staff to ensure that the \$4.1 million plus in funding can be used for purposes that will best further this important project.

I have provided updates throughout the congressional appropriations process on matters of interest in the transportation appropriations bill. Congress late last year approved a Continuing Resolution that ran into April so that Congress and Administration could work on a longer term appropriations measure. In late April, I sent information on the transportation provisions of the Fiscal Year 2017 omnibus appropriations measure, which has been signed into law. I also continue to provide information regarding the five-year surface transportation authorization bill, which was approved by the House and Senate and signed into law by the President last December.

I am in regular contact with Victor Castillo, chief of staff to Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, a member of the House Appropriations Committee; legislative director Melissa Kiedrowicz and district staff for Rep. Linda Sanchez, vice chair of the House Democratic Caucus; Joe Sheehy, legislative director to Rep. Grace Napolitano, a senior member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; and staff of fellow 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: June 26, 2017
To: I-5 JPA Policy Board
From: Yvette Kirrin, P.E., Executive Director/Authority Engineer
Subject: I-5 JPA Policy Board – Selection of a new Chair and Vice Chair

Recommendation: Select new Policy Board Chair and Vice Chair

With the reorganization of the Commerce City Council based on the June 6, 2017 election that resulted in Chair Lilia Leon not being reelected, the I-5 Consortium Cities JPA needs to select a new Chairman. Additionally, this may also prompt the need for the selection of new Vice Chair, per the bi-laws, so its seems an appropriate time to fill both vacancies.

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

Date: June 26, 2017
To: I-5 JPA Administrative Entity
From: Michael J. Egan, Chair
By: Adriana Figueroa, City of Norwalk
Subject: I-5 JPA FY 2017/2018 Proposed Budget
Recommendation: Approve

The proposed I-5 JPA 2017/2018 draft budget outlines two options:

Option A recommends membership dues to remain at the same rate as in FY 2016/17 (\$30,000 per member agency), resulting in an estimated year-end balance of \$105,507.

Option B recommends an increase of \$5,000 per member agency bringing the total membership to \$35,000. This will result in an estimated year-end balance of \$130,507.

Member agency contributions approximately ten years ago used to be around \$54,000 per agency. Once a healthy reserved was established, the Board approved a series of reductions in the member agency dues for the subsequent years.

Given the amount of work that was done these past couple of years, combined with the recent contract for the Public-Private Partnership analysis, the Administrative Entity is recommending **Option B**. This will increase the member agency contribution by \$5,000 and will result in an estimated year-end balance of \$130,507.

Option B		FY13/14	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	Estimated Actuals FY 16/17	Proposed FY 17/18
Expenditures							
Personnel Services							
	Board of Directors (Meetings)	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,150	\$9,150
	Staff Support/Financial Management	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Sub-Total	\$14,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,150	\$19,150
Contract Services							
	Executive Director/A.E.	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$110,000	\$100,000	\$108,282	\$110,000
	Executive Director/A.E. Insurance			\$6,000	\$6,000	\$5,297	\$5,500
	Washington Representation	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000
	COG Measure M - Education Campaign	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
	Public Private Partnership Study						\$50,000
	Special Advocacy Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,884	\$0
	Legal Services	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$5,000	\$10,668	\$5,000
	Insurance	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$4,600	\$5,400	\$4,693	\$5,400
	Audit Services	\$4,100	\$4,500	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$4,608	\$4,800
	Sub-Total	\$201,100	\$206,500	\$188,600	\$171,900	\$237,432	\$231,700
Maintenance & Operations							
	Office & Meeting Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,100	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$1,624.00	\$1,800
	Postage	\$150	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0
	Reproduction/Delivery	\$400	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0
	JPA Publications	\$400	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0
	Travel/Transportation	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0.00	\$3,000
	Sub-Total	\$6,950	\$7,000	\$6,200	\$6,000	\$1,624.00	\$4,800
	Total Expenditures	\$222,050	\$232,500	\$213,800	\$196,900	\$258,206.11	\$255,650
Revenues							
	Estimated End Balance:	\$229,459	\$288,360	\$297,841	\$294,868	\$319,362.66	\$211,157
	City Assessments	\$200,000	\$175,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
	Special Assessment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	\$25,000
	Total Revenues	\$429,459	\$463,360	\$447,841	\$444,868	\$469,363	\$386,157
	BALANCE:	\$207,409.00	\$230,860.00	\$234,041.00	\$247,967.66	\$211,156.55	\$130,507
Base Assessments per City							
Individual City Assessments:							
	Commerce	\$35,000					
	Downey	\$35,000					
	La Mirada	\$35,000					
	Norwalk	\$35,000					
	Santa Fe Springs	\$35,000					
		\$175,000					

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	Santa Fe Springs	\$35,000					
		\$175,000					

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

Date: June 26, 2017
To: I-5 JPA Policy Board
From: Yvette Kirrin, P.E., Executive Director/Authority Engineer
Subject: Caltrans Agreement for the I-5 JPA Urban Reforestation Mitigation Plan – District Agreement No. _Env-07-12

Recommendation: No Action Needed

This item should have been deleted fro the Agenda as action was taken on May 22, 2017. This item was accidently included/left in the agenda package.

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

Date: June 26, 2017

To: I-5 JPA Policy Board

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

Subject: Construction Mitigation Projects – Status

Recommendation: Review and Forward to the Policy Board

I-5 Construction Mitigation Projects – Phase 1 – Status (No Significant Update)

The Total Project Budget is \$6,645,000. Total expenditure to date is about \$5,865,551 or about 88% of the total project budget. A meeting will be scheduled to reconcile minor discrepancies against the invoicing and JPA check register prior to scheduling the final audit. No significant progress has been made in recent months.

I-5 Construction Mitigation Projects – Phase 2 – Status (No Significant Update)

Phase 2 - Project Expenditure

The Total Project Budget is \$14,168,107. The total expenditure to date is approximately \$14,158,009 or just under 100% of the project budget, with approximately (up to) \$10k remaining for Executive Director services to participate in the final close out/audit process. This is due to the completion of construction work in La Mirada, SFS, Downey and Norwalk. There is no invoice on consent for this month.

Projects Breakdown

The Cities should start preparing for the final audit.

I-5 Construction Mitigation Projects – Phase 3 – Status (No Significant Update)

No significant update this month.

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POLICY BOARD**

Date: June 26, 2017

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

I-5 South (I-605 to County Line) & I-5/Carmenita Update

Segment(s) Status:

Below is a table that will be updated monthly that details the six (6) 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. Work is progressing at or close to schedule, according to the technical comparisons of % work complete vs. % time complete of each contract.

Segment	Phase	% Const. Complete	% Const. Time Complete
Valley View (Segment 2)	Awarded for Construction	9%	7%
Rosecrans (Segment 3)	In Construction	87%	83%
Norwalk (Segment 4)	In Construction	70%	78%
Florence (Segment 5)	In Construction	44%	41%
Carmenita (Stand Alone Segment)	In Construction	96%	82%

Construction along I-5 and at the interchanges of Rosecrans, Norwalk-Imperial, Florence and Valley View continue to impact the City's traffic circulation. We have continued to coordinate with the resident engineer(s), to obtain information regarding tentative closures and proposed/approved closures ahead of public. Updates, as needed, are being emailed to the PB, AE, TAC, et al. regarding the current status of all existing, proposed and tentative detours/closures.

I-605 Corridor EIR Update

The 605 Corridor EIR study continues to proceed. Metro is nearly complete with a series of meetings with all the Cities along the Corridor for various reasons, but mostly to inform them of the needed HOT lanes and the potential for greater right of way impacts. Additional updates will be provided as substantive information becomes available. Monthly meetings continue.

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

Caltrans has resubmitted a cost estimate to complete the EIR phase of I-5 (Paramount through the I-710 interchange) to Metro. They are negotiating the cost, and Metro is willing to move forward with the EIR based on an agreed upon cost. At this time, it appears that Metro wants to program the EIR funds for 2018/2019 which would place a commencing date post July 1, 2018. Caltrans feels that this could be significantly accelerated and with new funding opportunities such as the State's SB1, that we should be getting projects "ready" sooner than later.

In talking with Caltrans as well as lower staffers at Metro, it's recommended that JPA leadership meet with CEO Phil Washington to formally request that the funding year be advanced to FY 16/17, and that it will not likely be adjusted if left at staff level.

Urban Reforestation Plan

Work is continuing to be finalized including update of the bid specification as well as coordination with the RMC.