

SEISMIC GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (SGC) MEETING MINUTES BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

August 27, 2020

SGC Members in Attendance:

Richard Llewellyn, City Administrative Officer, Chair (CAO)

Matias Farfan, Chief Legislative Analyst Office (CLA)

Jennifer McDowell, Office of the Mayor (Mayor)

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Public Comments:

- None

Agenda Item 1, Approval of Minutes

- The July 30, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 2, Verbal Report by the City Engineer on the Status of the Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project – Information Only

Julie Allen (BOE) for the Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project (SIX) provided the following report:

- Since the last SGC meeting, the contractor, Skanska Stacy and Witbeck (SSW) has placed concrete on the decks for the eastern three spans, Decks 10, 11 and 12. They also poured the concrete for the Jump Span 7 and Arch Span 9 edge girders and floor beams, along with the Bent 5 Arch Rib Floor Beams over the LA River.
- SSW continues to repair the self-consolidated concrete (SCC) voids. The test results finally showed valid repairs. There are still areas where they did not get positive results and SSW will either remediate those or remove/replace those repairs until satisfactory results are achieved.
- Currently, SSW is working with their construction engineer, COWI, to determine if they can move forward to the post tensioning (PT) of the floor beams and do the final restoration of the SCC voids later to avoid impacting the schedule. They need to start PT of the floor beams in order to start loading the deck with falsework to construct the arches.

- Schedule: SSW resubmitted their rebaseline schedule on August 14, 2020. It continues to show the Milestones 1 and 2 dates, per the global agreement, with an opening on June 20, 2022 and completing on July 30, 2022. The City approved that rebaseline schedule on August 25, 2020, and will monitor it closely to ensure SSW stays on schedule.
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) finally gave their concurrence on August 21, 2020 for issuing the supplemental agreement change order
- (SACO) with SSW. After one final review to ensure the contract amendment is fully in place for legality, the supplemental agreement will be complete with all signatures and will be executed today, August 27, 2020. The execution of the SACO triggers the initial payment to SSW as part of the supplemental agreement, to be paid within thirty days from the executing date. Currently, the MICLA approval is part of the First Construction Projects Report (CPR), which is pending Council approval. It was scheduled for the Information Technology and General Services Committee yesterday, August 26, 2020; and then it will go to Budget and Finance before it goes to Council. SIX team is working with Board of Public Works Accounting (BPW) to set up the accounts to be ready once the funds are available to transfer for payment. That full process needs to be completed within the thirty days from the executed date. SIX team is in communication with CAO and BPW to ensure the process moves forward positively.
- The project had a challenge with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) the last few months and BOE reached out to Jennifer McDowell in the Mayor's Office in early August requesting assistance because UPRR was not allowing any work to occur over their tracks. Jennifer McDowell reached out to the governmental liaison for UPRR and was able to get that approval. Thank you to Jennifer McDowell and the Mayor's Office for assisting the project and allowing work to continue over the railroad tracks.
- Richard Llewellyn (CAO/SGC) asked now that Caltrans has given their concurrence, is it possible they will help to pay for some of the elements included in the SACO. Julie Allen (BOE) stated the concurrence from Caltrans had no funding commitment. As part of the concurrence, Caltrans will continue to do a technical review of the change order and determine which elements are federally participating and once we get that determination, it is our intention to ask them to provide funding for anything that is participating. This is the typical process for any other bridge project. It is an uphill battle at the State level, because Highway Bridge Program (HBP) is programmed out for twenty years and there is no extra money. Each year though, some projects in the State do not spend all the money that they are expected to, so there is a possibility additional funding could be received, even if it is in piece meal. It is certainly worth asking to get as much reimbursement as we possibly can. Richard Llewellyn (CAO/SGC) added thanks

to the Mayor's Office for their assistance with UPRR and recommended BOE to lean on the Mayor's Office when the time is right for requesting more funding. Jennifer McDowell (Mayor) agreed.

- Gary Lee Moore (BOE) thanked Julie Allen (BOE) for reaching an agreement on the SACO and thanked Shirley Lau (BOE) for staying on budget and winning the 2020 Outstanding Bridges award for Glendale Hyperion. Jennifer McDowell (Mayor) seconded Gary Lee Moore's (BOE) remarks and also thanked Julie Allen (BOE).

Agenda Item 3, Verbal Report by the City Engineer on the Status of the Bridge Improvement Program – Information Only

Shirley Lau (BOE) for the Bridge Improvement Program (BIP) provided the following report:

- Update on the Red Car Pedestrian Bridge - Phase 1 of the Glendale Hyperion Complex of Bridges: In April of 2019, a ground breaking was held for the bridge with the Council Office and BOE, and in January of this year, a grand opening was held three months ahead of schedule. BOE was able to save some funds because the project was completed earlier and there were few problems while during construction. The new pedestrian bridge serves as a mitigation measure for pedestrian circulation when go into construction on the larger Glendale Hyperion Complex and also represents a key link to fulfill the vision of the River Loop that was revealed in the River Revitalization Master Plan.
- BOE was recently notified by the American Society of Civil Engineers that this bridge has won the 2020 Outstanding Bridges award.
- Update on the First Street Viaduct Over Glendale Blvd: In March 2018, BOE reported to this Committee on the start of construction of the First Street Viaduct over Glendale Boulevard project. The project's purpose is to retrofit all the columns and foundations to meet current Caltrans seismic standards. In addition, the project will correct existing geometrical deficiencies and preserve the viaduct's historic status by replicating the railings and street lights.
- The project is at approximately 99% complete, BOE anticipates completion on schedule by September 2020 and also within the original budget approved by Caltrans.

Agenda Item 4, Bureau of Engineering – Bridge Improvement Program Proposed Staffing and Salary Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020-21 – Action by Committee

Shirley Lau (BOE) for the Bridge Improvement Division (BID) provided the following report:

- This report requests that the Seismic Governance Committee (1) approves the staffing plan shown in Attachment A for fiscal year 2020-21; that the Seismic Governance Committee authorizes appropriations to reimburse anticipated staff costs for Fiscal Year 2020-21 for the various departments in the amount of \$4,015,557 and forward this recommendation to the City Council for their consideration and approval.
- Program staffing for the Bridge Improvement Program (BIP) projects under the Seismic Governance Committee started at a level of 24 resolution authorities in December 2000 under Council File 00-2433. The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) analyzed the current staffing needs to support 16 active projects totaling \$331 million dollars and recommends the staffing level for Fiscal Year 2020-21 as shown in Attachment A, which consists of 14 positions for BOE and another 4 for supporting departments. BCA and LADOT are provided an allocation as opposed to positions.
- Based on the projected salary expenditures, an appropriation of \$4,015,557 is estimated to cover Fiscal Year 2020-21 staff costs for reimbursement to BOE and all support departments. In Fiscal Year 2019-20, actual staff costs for reimbursement to BOE and all support departments totaled \$3,468,763.35.
- Partial funds are available in existing Bridge Improvement Program accounts to cover the Fiscal Year 2020-21 expenses, with remaining funds of approximately \$2 million dollars to be reimbursed to the City from Caltrans, October/November 2020 when the new Federal Fiscal year starts. Therefore, sufficient funds will be available to cover the projected staff reimbursements in the Bridge Improvement Program.
- Matias Farfan (CLA/SGC) asked the total dollar amount for all the projects. Shirley Lau (BOE) stated, as previously reported in May 2020, there are a total of sixteen active projects at an approximate budget of \$331 million dollars.
- Item was approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.