
Meeting Minutes

Goleta Ramp Metering Study

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting #7

February 9, 2017, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Conference Call (Dial: 1-866-554-8655, PW: 29988#)

1. Introductions

- SBCAG: Julio Perucho, Peter Imhof, Stephen VanDenburgh
- Caltrans District 5: Hana Mengsteab
- City of Goleta: James Winslow
- Santa Barbara County: Gary Smart
- Kittelson & Associates: Mike Aronson

2. Project Schedule

- a. A revised schedule was presented which accounts for the delays in data collection due to encroachment permits. The revised schedule shows study completion in October, 2017.
- b. SBCAG indicated that the revised schedule could work for them, but presentation dates would need to be worked out.
- c. Public presentation should not occur until UCSB is in session – end of September.
- d. As a result, the Board presentation may need to be in November.

3. Online Survey Results

- a. A summary of online survey results was distributed.
- b. There were many comments related to local development and streets in addition to ramp metering.
- c. Peter Imhof stated that the survey should influence the importance of outcomes and the alternatives studies.

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- d. Comments on the survey responses should be sent to Julio Perucho.

4. Data Collection Update

- a. Data collection is complete and all raw results were received as of January, 2017.
- b. Comments on Figure 1 showing data collection locations and maximum volumes:
 - i. Identify dates and sources
 - ii. Peak period or peak hour volumes?
- c. Comments on Figure 2 showing freeway flows:
 - i. Scales of bands are different
 - ii. Clarify total volume vs. per-lane volume
 - iii. Steve VanDenburgh asked to check totals of ramp volumes northbound and southbound.
 - iv. Peter Imhof asked to recheck NB vs. SB flows and recommended that the figures be made better at telling the story.

5. Traffic Forecast Model Diversion Test

- a. The traffic model is still being adjusted. There are mechanical issues with introducing the ramp meter speed/congestion characteristics into Visum.

6. Scenarios for Evaluation

- a. A graphic was reviewed illustrating 5 alternatives for evaluation.
- b. Gary Smart confirmed that the meter at Patterson is being installed and could be considered a given for all alternatives (although it would be optional to turn the meter on).
- c. SR 217 would not be worth metering south of Hollister.
- d. Alternative 5 could be metering on US 101 upstream of SR 217 only.

7. Next Steps

- a. KAI to complete existing baseline analysis and documentation by March 15 (draft by February 17)
- b. Next TAC meeting Thursday, March 9, 2017