

I-710 OVERSIGHT POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 30, 2001

6:00 p. m. Buffet

6:30 p. m. Meeting

Progress Park Plaza

(Map attached)

15500 Downey Avenue

Paramount, California

AGENDA

STAFF REPORTS AND OTHER WRITTEN DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES, 7300 ALONDRA BOULEVARD, SUITE 103, PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA. ANY PERSON HAVING QUESTIONS CONCERNING ANY AGENDA ITEM MAY CALL THE COG STAFF AT (562) 663-6850.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The I-710 Oversight Policy Committee will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or an item of interest that is not on the agenda. The I-710 Oversight Policy Committee cannot take action on any item not scheduled on the agenda. These items may be referred for administrative action or scheduled on a future agenda. Comments are to be limited to three minutes for each speaker, unless extended by the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee, and each speaker will only have one opportunity to speak on any one topic. You have the opportunity to address the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee at the following times:

- A. AGENDA ITEM: at the time the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee considers the agenda item OR during Public Comments, and
- B. NON-AGENDA ITEMS: during Public Comments, comments will be received for a maximum 20-minute period; any additional requests will be heard following the completion of the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee agenda; and
- C. PUBLIC HEARINGS: at the time for public hearings.

Please keep your comments brief and complete a speaker card for the Chair.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - This is the time and place to change the order of the agenda, delete or add any agenda item(s).

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of the Minutes of May 24, 2001

VII. REPORTS

- A. Project Overview Report from Project Consultant
- B. Report from Project Consultant on the Existing and Future Baseline Conditions in the I-710 Corridor
 - 1. Demographics
 - 2. Engineering/Operational Deficiencies
 - 3. Safety Issues
 - 4. Transit Considerations
 - 5. Environmental Factors
- C. Report from Project Consultant on Public Input to Date
- D. Determination of Dates for Upcoming OPC Meetings

VIII. MATTERS FROM THE I-710 OVERSIGHT POLICY COMMITTEE

IX. MATTERS FROM STAFF

X. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: New items will not be considered after 9:00 p.m. unless the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee votes to extend the time limit. Any items on the agenda that are not completed will be forwarded to the next regular I-710 Oversight Policy Committee meeting scheduled for (not determined).

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE COG OFFICE AT (562) 663-6850. NOTIFICATION 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING WILL ENABLE THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENT TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
I-710 OVERSIGHT POLICY COMMITTEE**

**A Meeting Held at Progress Park
15500 Downey Avenue
Paramount, CA**

May 24, 2001

Chair De La Torre called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Hector De La Torre, South Gate; Co-Chair Ricardo Sanchez, Lynwood; Co-Chair Samuel Pena, Maywood; George Francis Bass, Bell; Marcine Shaw, Compton; Keith McCarthy, Downey; Jessica Maes, Huntington Park; Steve Novotny, Caltrans; Joan G. Wood, MTA; Zahi Faranesh, SCAG.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Co-Chair Frank Colonna, Long Beach; Daniel Crespo, Bell Gardens; Hugo Argumedo, Commerce; Frank Gurule, Cudahy; Gene Daniels, Paramount; William Davis, Vernon; John R. Calhoun, Port of Long Beach.

ALSO PRESENT: Commerce Administrative Analyst Fernando Mendoza; Long Beach Acting Manager of Traffic and Transportation Sumire Gant; Vernon Director of Community Services Kevin Wilson; Port of Long Beach Manager of Transportation Planning Kerry Cartwright; MTA Project Administrator Karin Hodin; Linda Taira, Caltrans Corridor Studies; GWCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GWCCOG General Counsel Robert Messinger; Jack Joseph, GWCCOG staff; Dave Levinsohn, Project Manager, Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade and Douglas; Donna McCormick, Environmental Planner, Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade and Douglas; Alisa Kwun and Juliette Cagigas, Consensus Planning Group.

Member Bass led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Shaw, to approve the minutes of

the meetings of September 13, 2000, and February 28, 2001. The motion was approved unanimously.

Alisa Kwun of Consensus Planning Group presented a report on the I-710 Public Outreach Plan. She summarized the interviews with stakeholders and listed the issues most frequently raised. Stakeholders cited the need to alleviate truck traffic for safety purposes, the desire for a transition from the right side of the I-710 to the northbound I-5, the need for an off-ramp at Slauson Avenue, and the lack of landscaping and general aesthetics on the freeway. She announced a series of public workshops to be held in the cities of Commerce, Lynwood, and Long Beach in the month of June.

Joan Wood presented her recommendation that the OPC proceed with a Preliminary Environmental Analysis Report (PEAR), as opposed to a Tier 1 environmental review process. She explained that a Tier 1 process would have been the preferred method if the dollars were to be available for right-of-way acquisition immediately at the completion of the study. Since that is not the case, and since a Tier 1 process would involve the Federal Highway Administration to a much higher degree, the PEAR alternative would save seven or eight months in the environmental review process. She said the PEAR process does not have to meet the requirements of CEQA or NEPA. The resultant cost savings could be used to develop project study reports for specified improvements. The EIR/EIS would be sufficient to acquire right-of-way, but not to begin construction. She said the additional environmental review that would be required before construction could commence could be done at a later time without delaying the overall project.

It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Shaw, to approve the recommendation to proceed with a PEAR environmental review process. The motion was approved unanimously.

Steve Novotny presented a report on the I-710 maintenance projects currently being undertaken or planned by Caltrans. He announced a web site that could be accessed to obtain freeway accident information, that being www.chp.ca.gov.

After discussion with the project consultants as to the schedule for the next decision points, it was the consensus of the Oversight Policy Committee to meet again on August 23 and September 20.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

