

I-710 OVERSIGHT POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

*Thursday, January 15, 2004
6:30 p.m. Meeting*

**Progress Park
15500 Downey Avenue
Paramount, California**

AGENDA

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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. ROLL CALL - BY SELF-INTRODUCTIONS**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 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**

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VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the December 4, 2003, meeting of the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee

VII. REPORTS

- A. Report on Progress of Community Advisory Committees
- B. Appointment by the OPC of up to 15 Members of the Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee
- C. Status Report on Near Term Safety Improvements to the I-710 Freeway from the Ports to State Route 60

VIII . COMENTS FROM OPC MEMBERS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE GATEWAY CITIES 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.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR
Item A
Approval of Minutes

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE I-710 OVERSIGHT POLICY COMMITTEE**

**A Meeting Held at Bateman Hall
11331 Ernestine Avenue, Room 2
Lynwood, CA**

December 4, 2003

I. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Co-Chair Frank Colonna.

II. ROLL CALL. Gateway Cities Council of Governments Executive Director Richard Powers called the roll. A quorum was found to be present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT. Co-Chair Frank Colonna, Long Beach; Co-Chair Samuel Peña, Maywood; Daniel Crespo, Bell Gardens; Hugo Argumedo, Commerce; Frank Gurule, Cudahy; Juan Noguez, Huntington Park; Louis Byrd, Lynwood; Gene Daniels, Paramount; William Davis, Vernon; Gloria Molina, County of Los Angeles; Mario Cordero, Port of Long Beach; Sharas Bangalore, Caltrans; Ray Maekawa, MTA; Hassan Ikhata, SCAG.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT. George Cole, Bell; Isadore Hall III, Compton; Keith McCarthy, Downey; Hector De La Torre, South Gate; Jim Dear, Carson; Thomas Warren, Port of Los Angeles.

OTHERS PRESENT. Richard Powers, Gateway Cities COG Executive Director; Deborah Chankin, Gateway Cities COG Director of Program Development; Robert Messinger, Legal Counsel.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Member Molina led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA. There were no amendments to the agenda. Mr. Powers pointed out that an addendum to the staff report for agenda item VIII. A. was available at Members' seats and at the back of the meeting room.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS. Co-Chair Frank Colonna called for public comments and requested that comments be limited to three minutes per speaker.

Angelo Logan representing East Yards Communities for Environmental Justice spoke about the need for adequate air quality modeling in the Preliminary Environmental Assessment Report. Mr. Logan stated that the South Coast Air Quality Management District has many appendices about this in its documents. Mr. Logan distributed a 3-page document titled "Appendix -Key Studies on Air Pollution and Heath Effects Near High-Traffic Areas Compiled by the Environmental Law and Policy Center and the Sierra Club."

Bob Eula chair of the City of Commerce Tier 1 Committee commented that Long Beach

and Commerce are the most impacted cities. Commerce has two rail yards. Mr. Eula stated that there is a known alternative which is to use Bandini for traffic moving between the I-710 and the I-5. Mr. Eula was concerned that routing signage for this alternate had recently been removed by Caltrans. Mr. Eula commented that air pollution causes disabilities in children.

Norma Macias, a resident and employee of the City of Commerce stated that her son was born with a disability that was never precisely diagnosed. Ms. Macias believes that the air pollution in the area is the source of his problem and that of other children.

Robert Cabrales of Communities for a Better Environment stated that only the City of South Gate has information on its website regarding the I-710 Major Corridor Study. If the public is going to be well informed, other cities need to follow their lead.

Jorge Villanueva resident of Los Angeles and member of Communities for a Better Environment commented that the OPC should give the public earlier notice when it cancels its meetings or changes the location. Mr. Villanueva has asthma and is concerned about diesel emissions and health issues.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the October 29, 2003, meeting of the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee. It was moved by Co-Chair Peña, seconded by member Daniels to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. REPORTS

A. Report on Progress of Community Advisory Committees. Richard Powers, Gateway Cities COG Executive Director, recapped the OPC's previous motions concerning formation of the Community Advisory Committees and the adopted Guiding Principles.

Pat McLaughlin reported for the facilitators Moore Iacofano Goltsman (MIG.) Ms. McLaughlin distributed a copy of the Advisory Committee Structure and Charge and a matrix showing Advisory Committee Progress. Ms. McLaughlin reported that all of the six cities that are most impacted have formed Community Advisory Committees. Initial meetings have been productive and well received. She and Sam Gennaway of MIG will facilitate the OPC's discussion of its appointments to the Tier 2 committee and all Tier 2 meetings.

It was moved by Co-Chair Colonna and seconded by Member Noguez to continue the discussion of appointments to the Tier 2 Committee to the January 2004 meeting. In the meantime, the Co-chairs will forward a letter to OPC members regarding the imperative to appoint Tier 2 community representatives. The motion was approved unanimously. Member Argumedo asked that staff contact the cities to encourage them to complete their appointments.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Status Report and Possible Action Regarding State Funding for Near Term Safety Improvements to the I-710 Freeway from the Ports to State Route 60. Mr. Powers reviewed the staff report on the proposed safety initiative.

Co-Chair Colonna stated that we need to aggressively pursue the six elements contained in the initiative in advance of the hybrid plan which could take a couple of years. Co-Chair Colonna expressed concern about the impacts of the state budget crisis and administrative transitions in Sacramento, although the project is moving along at the federal level.

Member Molina commented that given that there is very little money for 5 years, the 6 elements need to be prioritized. Concrete barriers are more important than paving rehabilitation. It was moved by Co-Chair Peña and seconded by Member Daniels that the I-710 Safety Initiative be approved and that notwithstanding the continuing desire to see the pavement rehabilitation move forward, the pending Caltrans projects should be unbundled and new concrete median barriers should be prioritized as the most important element to be advocated. The motion passed unanimously. The Co-Chairs will prepare a letter to send to Caltrans and state legislators.

Robert Cabrales, Bell resident commented that graffiti needs to be removed and more landscaping provided. Co-chair Sam Peña stated that he supports a solution to the problem.

Long Beach resident Alan Hose complimented Member Molina's leadership.

Commerce Tier 1 Chair Bob Eula thanked Member Molina for attending the OPC meeting. Mr. Eula announced a Town Hall meeting on December 13, and requested Caltrans to provide maps of planned interchange improvements.

Member Cordero requested clarification that the feasibility study requested in Element 4 of the report would consider whether truck inspection facilities at or near the ports were a good idea and would not just assume this. Staff agreed that this issue would be studied.

Member Molina requested clarification that we can build on the safety initiative to include environmental enhancements in the projects we advocate. Co-Chair Colonna agreed that we can. Member Molina requested a report from Caltrans on the Bandini signage issue raised by the public. Member Bangalore agreed to investigate.

B. Appointment by the OPC of up to 15 Members of the Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee. In accordance with the action taken under agenda item VII. A. discussion of this matter was continued to the next meeting of the OPC.

IX. COMMENTS FROM OPC MEMBERS. Member Gurule commented that he personally has family members who suffer from asthma. The public should know that the OPC is concerned about the health impacts of the freeway.

Co-Chair Peña commented that the Gateway Cities Partnership has completed studies on environmental health in the subregion and the Gateway Cities COG has done a lot to educate the public about environmental and health issues and initiate programs. The OPC shares the public's concerns.

Member Cordero thanked the public for participating in the meeting especially those who commented earlier in the evening.

Co-Chair Colonna said the usual meeting time has been the third week of the month so the OPC next meeting could be Thursday, January 15, 2004. Staff will confirm that Paramount Progress Park is available.

X. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m

VII. REPORTS
Item A
**Report on Progress of Community
Advisory Committees – Oral Report**

**Tier II Advisory Committee Representatives
(as of January 9, 2004)**

Community	Tier 1 Status	Membership	Tier 2 Representative
Bell	N/A	N/A	Randy Kendrick
Bell Gardens	Appointments pending	5 to date	Appointed
Carson	Appointments Pending	3 to date	Ray Park
Commerce	Appointed	9	Bob Eula
Compton	Appoints Pending		Pending
Cudahy	N/A	N/A	Larry Galvan
Downey	N/A	N/A	Pending
East Los Angeles	Appointed	7	Nadine Mungia
Huntington Park	N/A	N/A	Victor Caballero
Long Beach	Formed		Pending
Lynwood	Appointed	10	Rod White
Maywood	N/A	N/A	Luis Romero
Paramount	N/A	N/A	Pending
South Gate	Appointed	10	Glenna Ramos
Vernon	N/A	N/A	Harold Arsenian

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**B. Appointment by the OPC of up to 15
Members of the Tier 2 Community
Advisory Committee**

TO: I-710 Oversight Policy Committee

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director, Gateway Cities COG

SUBJECT: Appointment by the OPC of up to 15 members of the Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee

Background

On May 28, 2003, the Oversight Policy Committee (OPC) acted to adopt five Guiding Principles, including the following:

Improve public participation in the development and consideration of alternatives and provide technical assistance to facilitate effective public participation.

On July 9, 2003 the OPC acted to implement this Guiding Principle by adopting a structure for Community Advisory Committees. The adopted structure includes Tier 1 Community Level Advisory Committees and a Tier 2 Corridor Level Advisory Committee. This Tier 2 Committee is to include representatives from each corridor community and also “No more than 15 members appointed by the OPC to provide representation from the environmental community, business, labor, institutions, and academia.”

Issue

The corridor communities have now convened community level advisory committees and/or appointed representatives to the Tier 2 committee or are in the process of doing so. It is therefore timely for the OPC to select its appointees to the Tier 2 committee so that Committee may be convened and begin its deliberations.

Recommended Action

It is recommended that the OPC appoint no more than 15 members to the I-710 Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee representing a broad range of interests and perspectives.

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Suggestions for Consideration for Appointment by I-710 Oversight Policy Committee to
Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee

NOTE: The OPC appoints no more than 15 members to the Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee “to provide representation from the environmental community, business, labor, institutions, and academia.” The following list of persons who have either been recommended or expressed interest is provided as a basis for discussion. Nothing precludes the OPC from presenting and selecting different or additional names or organizations in the course of its deliberations.

ACADEMIA

Edward Avol, MD	USC, School of Medicine, Department of Preventive Medicine
Joseph Magaddino, PhD, Chair	CSULB, Department of Economics
Marianne Venieris, Ex. Dir.	CSULB, Center for International Trade and Transportation

BUSINESS INTERESTS

Gustavo Camacho	Whittier Boulevard Merchant Association
Steve Chesser	Boeing Company
LaDonna DiCamillo	Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad
Jim Gill	California Trucking Association
John Goodling, Pres. & CEO	Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau
Randy Gordon, Pres. & CEO	Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
Ron Guss	California Trucking Association
Patty Senecal, VP	California Trucking Association
Tom Teofilo, VP	Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
Eddie Torres, President	East Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
Charlie Woo, CEO	Megatoys
TBD	The Bicycle Club
TBD	Farmer John Corporation
TBD	Mid Cities Chambers Alliance
TBD	Union Pacific Railroad

ENVIRONMENTAL INTERESTS

Luis Cabrales	League of Conservation Voters
Robert Cabrales, Organizer	Communities for a Better Environment
Malcolm Carson, attorney	Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
Mr. Easton, member	Compton Creek Task Force
Belinda Faustinos, Ex. Officer	San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
Arthur Golding, PhD, President	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council
Joan Greenwood	Friends of the Los Angeles River
Fernando Guerra	Low Income and Immigrant Housing Advocate
Andrea Hricko	Children’s Environmental Health Center
Angelo Logan, Lead Organizer	East Yards Communities for Environmental Justice
Julie Masters	Natural Resources Defense Council
Elisa Nicholas, MD	Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma
Noel Park	San Pedro and Peninsula Homeowners Coalition
Martha Sanchez	Padres Unidos de Maywood

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LABOR INTERESTS

Louis Diaz	International Brotherhood of Teamsters
Domenick Miretti	International Longshore Workers Union
Richard Slawson	Los Angeles/Orange County Building Trades Council

INSTITUTIONAL INTERESTS

Lou Ann Bynum, VP	LBCC, Economic and Resource Development
Richard Hollingsworth	Gateway Cities Partnership
Pamela Johnson	Montebello Unified School District
Jerry Schubel, Pres. & CEO	Aquarium of the Pacific
TBD	Army Corps of Engineers
TBD	Corridor Religious Institutions
TBD	East LA College – East LA/South Gate
TBD	Long Beach Memorial Hospital
TBD	Los Angeles County USC Medical Center
TBD	Los Angeles Unified School District

ADDITIONAL STAKEHOLDERS

Dan Beal, Pub. Affairs Officer	AAA (Auto Club)
John Dougherty, CEO	Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority
Harold Williams	South Bay Cities Council of Governments
TBD	Bus Riders Union
TBD	California Air Resources Board
TBD	City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
TBD	Local Law Enforcement
TBD	Los Angeles County Fire Department
TBD	Los Angeles County Sheriff
TBD	Southern California Edison
TBD	U. S. Coast Guard

VII. REPORTS

**C. Status Report on Near Term Safety
Improvements to the I-710 Freeway from
the Ports to State Route 60**

TO: I-710 Oversight Policy Committee

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director, Gateway Cities COG

SUBJECT: Status Report on Near Term Safety Improvements to the I-710 Freeway from the Ports to State Route 60

Background

At its meeting of December 4, 2003, the Oversight Policy Committee adopted the I-710 Safety Action Initiative.

Issue

An oral report will detail the following I-710 safety related activities:

- Public Education and Awareness. Gateway Cities COG staff will report on the first major in-kind contribution received for this program.
- Enhanced Enforcement. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority will report on the Big Rig Demonstration Project of the Freeway Service Patrol.
- Median concrete barriers. Cal Trans will report on the status of the four pavement rehabilitation projects and forthcoming action request from the California Transportation Commission.

Recommended Action

Receive and file his report.