



I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

1:30 – 3:30 PM

Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Paramount, California

AGENDA

STAFF REPORTS AND OTHER WRITTEN DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES, 16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD, 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 Technical Advisory 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 Technical Advisory 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 Technical Advisory Committee, and each speaker will only have one opportunity to speak on any one topic. You have the opportunity to address the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee at the following times:

- A. **AGENDA ITEM:** at this time the I-710 Technical Advisory 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 Technical Advisory Committee agenda; and
- C. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** at the time for public hearings.

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

- 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 - Three minutes for each speaker.

VI. MATTERS FROM STAFF

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR: All items under the Consent Calendar may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and acted upon separately by the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee.

A. Approve Minutes for the Meeting of February 16, 2011, of the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Report on I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS - Oral Report by URS

5 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

B. Engineering Report on I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS – Oral Report by URS

5 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

C. Environmental Studies Report on the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS – Oral Report by LSA

5 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

D. Environmental Studies Report on I-5/-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS – Oral Report by LSA

5 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

E. Community Participation Report on I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS – Oral Report by MIG

5 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

- 5 Min F. I-710 Early Action Projects Update – Oral Report by MTA
SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
- 15 Min G. Air Quality Action Plan – Report by Adrian Alvarez, MTA
SUGGESTED ACTION: INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FROM THE I-710 TAC TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEES OF THE AQAP AND RECOMMEND ANY ADDITIONAL CITY STAFF FOR MEMBERSHIP; AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
- 15 Min H. Public/Private Partnership (P3) Study - Presentation by MTA & InfraConsult
SUGGESTED ACTION: RECOMMEND TO THE I-710 PROJECT COMMITTEE THAT THE P3 ALTERNATIVE, AS A TOLLING OPTION FOR THE FREIGHT CORRIDOR ONLY, BE INCLUDED AS AN ALTERNATIVE IN THE I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS; AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF.
- 15 Min I. SR-91/I-605/I-405 – I-605 Congestion Hot Spots Feasibility Study Transportation Strategic Plan - Presentation by MTA & InfraConsult
SUGGESTED ACTION: CONSIDER REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION AND INFORMATION; AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
- 10 Min J. Gateway Cities COG Engineer Report by Jerry Wood – Oral Report
SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

IX. MATTERS FROM THE I-710 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

X. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR

XI. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: New items will not be considered after 4:00 p.m. unless the I-710 Technical Advisory 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 Technical Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 1:30 PM.

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.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
Item A.
Approve Minutes of
February 16, 2011

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
February 16, 2011**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Pagett at 1:43 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, City of Paramount and City of Maywood; Steve Hilton, City of Bell Gardens; Wendell Johnson, City of Compton; Mark Christoffels, City of Long Beach; Daniel Ojeda, City of Lynwood; Adrian Alvarez, MTA; Daniel Ojeda, City of Lynwood; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of South Gate; James Yang, County of Los Angeles; Garrett Damrath, Caltrans; Ernesto Chavez, MTA; Jolene Hayes, Port of Long Beach; Kerry Cartwright, Port of Los Angeles; Alison Linder, SCAG; Susan Nakamura, SCAQMD; Alex Pugh, Southern California Edison Company (ex officio).

ABSENT: Carlos Alvarado, City of Bell and City of Cudahy; Victor Rollinger, City of Carson; Alex Hamilton, City of Commerce; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Wes Lind, City of Huntington Park; Charlie Honeycutt, City of Signal Hill; Kevin Wilson, City of Vernon; Michelle Noch, FHWA & FTA; Tommi Tyler, CHP; John Doherty, ACTA (ex officio); Mark Sedlacek, LADWP (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Abdi Saghafi, Caltrans; Dan Dunn, Caltrans; Adrian Alvarez, MTA; Jerry Wood, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG; Shannon Willits, URS; Rob McCann LSA; Esmeralda Garcia, MIG; Tom Ionta, CH2MHill; Rubina Chandhary, MARSS; Wayne Richardson, MARRS; Bruce Schmith, HNTB; Jocelyn Vivar, East Yards Communities for Environmental Justice.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Daniel Ojeda.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

Jerry Wood indicated that a representative from Caltrans was present and would like to make a presentation regarding Caltrans' right-of-way acquisition process. It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Daniel Ojeda, to add the presentation by Caltrans on right-of-way acquisition to the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Matters from Staff

There were no matters from staff.

VII. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Steve Hilton, seconded by Wendell Johnson, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Reports

Abdi Saghafi introduced Dan Dunn of Caltrans, who gave a short presentation on the process and rules for the possible procurement of property prior to environmental approval, which is defined as "hardship acquisition". Mr. Dunn said any acquisition has to follow the Caltrans Local Programs Manual. He said hardship acquisition can only apply to property that would be otherwise developed immediately and must save money. He said these types of acquisitions are rarely approved by the federal agencies. Mr. Dunn reviewed and handed out sections of the Caltrans R/W manual and covered that material.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Wendell Johnson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

A. Report on the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS

Shannon Willits of URS and Esmeralda Garcia of MIG reviewed the status and revised schedule for the project and gave brief PowerPoint presentations on the engineering status and community participation status. Mr. Willits said that a lot had transpired since last month in meetings with various stakeholders. He said work is beginning again to bring the technical reports up to the stage they were before the geometric changes were made. It was the consensus of the TAC to receive and file the report.

B. Report on I-710/I-5 Project and Coordination

Rob McCann of LSA reviewed the status of this study and presented a short PowerPoint. It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Wendell Johnson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. I-710 Early Action Projects Update

Jerry Wood updated and discussed the status of the early action forms to be submitted for additional projects. It was the consensus of the TAC to re-send the forms to all of the TAC members and to set a tentative date for submitting those forms in a May/June timeframe to be finalized at a later date. It was the consensus of the TAC for the COG, MTA and Caltrans to form a selection committee and finalize the selection criteria and process.

It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Mohammad Mostahkami, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mark Christoffels of Long Beach represented the TAC sound wall subcommittee and reported that they had reviewed the draft scope of work and recommended to the TAC to proceed with that scope of work and ask MTA to proceed with an RFP.

Ernesto Chaves of MTA briefed the TAC on the status of the RFP for the sound walls. He informed the TAC that the Project Committee had concurred with the TAC's recommendations to proceed with sound walls for "early action". In response to a question from Mark Christoffels, he said MTA will probably end up doing a full RFP. He said it would probably be another month before the RFP is released and that a consultant should be on board in five or six months following the procurement process.

It was moved by Mohammad Mostahkami, seconded by Daniel Ojeda, to concur with the TAC subcommittee recommendations to proceed with the scope of work on the sound walls; that the TAC subcommittee would also review the proposals; and that one member of that subcommittee would represent the TAC on the interview panel along with Jerry Wood of the COG, Ernesto Chaves of MTA, and Abdi Saghafi of Caltrans. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Report on Air Quality Action Plan

Adrian Alvarez of MTA provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on the status of the Air Quality Action Plan. He said work is expected to proceed during the month of February. It was moved by Wendell Johnson, seconded by Daniel Ojeda, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. Status of Other Related Projects

Jerry Wood reported that Caltrans had selected a consultant for the ITS Implementation Plan. Ernesto Chaves said the I-710 south utility relocation plan would go to the MTA Board in March, with work beginning in April for a

period of eighteen months. Mr. Chaves said the I-710 north utility plan is a few months behind and may be split into two portions. He said CALSTART is continuing to work on their research project regarding zero emission vehicles. Mr. Chaves said work is proceeding on the public private partnership study.

Jerry Wood said the SCAG Goods Movement Study is focused on trying to find the best east/west alignment for a freight corridor. He reported that the Pacific Electric/West Santa Ana Branch study is ongoing and that it may have an impact on the I-710 project.

It was moved by Mark Christoffels, seconded by Jolene Hayes, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

IX. Comments from Committee Members

Chairman Pagett asked Jerry Wood to give a brief recap of the Project Committee meeting. Mr. Wood said the big item was the approval of the sound wall projects.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:06 p.m.

VIII. Reports
Item G
Air Quality Action Plan - Report
by Adrian Alvarez, MTA

TO: I-710 EIR/EIS Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director, Gateway Cities COG
BY: Adrian Alvarez, MTA
SUBJECT: Air Quality Action Plan Report

Background

The Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) Project for Gateway Cities is currently underway. The COG Board of Directors approved a framework for participation for the AQAP from various stakeholders (see attached framework figure). The power point presentation made to the entire COG Board is attached.

Issue

The various AQAP committees are beginning to be populated and membership from the I-710 community cities is needed. As a minimum this should include at least one member from the I-710 TAC and other city staff as recommended by the I-710 TAC. This will be discussed at the meeting. Additional information will also be provided.

Recommended Action

Include at least one member from the I-710 TAC to serve on the committees of the AQAP and recommend any additional city staff for membership.

Los Angeles County
 Metropolitan Transportation Authority

The Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan Proposed Governance Structure

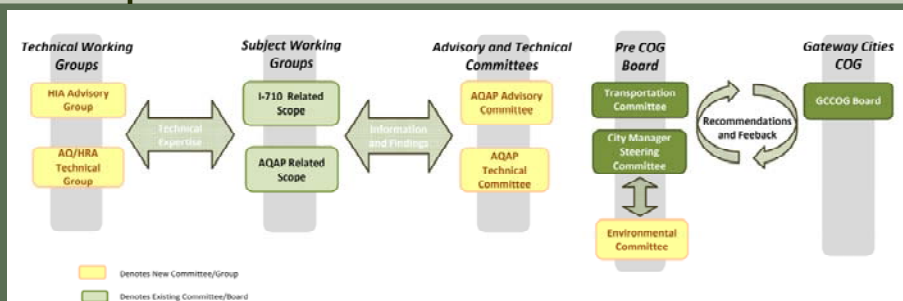
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The Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan

Proposed Governance Structure



HIA Advisory and AQ/HRA Technical Groups

- Closed meetings
- Subset of the AQAP Advisory and Technical Comm. and select members with applicable expertise (EPA, AQMD, FHWA)

AQAP Advisory Committee

- Broad based group representing academia, public health agencies, environmental, business.

AQAP Technical Committee

- COG TAC Representatives
- Agency Representatives (CARB, SCAQMD)
- Public Works and Planning Directors

Environmental Committee

- City Manager Chair
- Board of Supervisors Rep(s) (Health Deputy), City of Long Beach - Health Dept
- Public Works and Planning Directors Reps
- Members from Gateway Cities TACs (91, 605, 405, 15, I-710) and other GC advisory groups
- Members from the AQAP Advisory and Technical Committee
- AQMD, CARB, Ports, Envr. Community Reps, Business



VIII. Reports
Item H
Public/Private Partnership (P3)
Study - Presentation by MTA &
InfraConsult

TO: I-710 EIR/EIS Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director, Gateway Cities COG

BY: Doug Failing, MTA

SUBJECT: Public/Private Partnership (P3) Study - Presentation by MTA & InfraConsult

Background

MTA has been conducting numerous studies to evaluate the application of public-private partnerships (P3) for different transportation projects in LA County. One of those projects is the I-710 proposed improvements – with emphasis on the freight corridor. InfraConsult has been retained by MTA and has been working on this study for many months, working closely with the MTA staff and the project team and funding partners for the I-710 EIR/EIS Corridor Project. They have completed their preliminary evaluation and presented the initial results.

Issue

A public-private partnership (P3) could be used to develop an approach for getting private investment for the project, with the primary benefits of (1) obtaining additional funds needed to build the project and (2) speeding up project implementation. For the I-710 Corridor EIR/EIS, the objective of including a tolling option is to environmentally clear an alternative that analyzes the unique impacts of needing to prepare a supplemental environmental document later. The tolled alternative needs to be analyzed in comparison to the “No-Build” alternative to the same level of detail as the other “Build” alternatives in the draft EIR/EIS. This alternative would evaluate realistic tolling assumptions so that the tolled alternative selected for evaluation in the EIR/EIS is feasible to construct and operate. If enabling legislation is needed, it will be clearly identified in the project description.

InfraConsult has made presentations to the I-710 TAC and to the funding partners for this tolling alternative completed to date. Both groups reviewed this information and agreed that a freight corridor only toll option is reasonable and should be evaluated in the I-710 Corridor EIR/EIS and recommended its inclusion at this time so that the project can stay on schedule. The attached power point summarizes the results of this study and will be presented at the meeting.

Recommended Action

Recommend to the I-710 Project Committee to include a P3 (tolling option for the freight corridor only) as an alternative to be evaluated in the I-710 EIR/EIS and proceed with its inclusion.