



I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

1:30 – 3:30 PM

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

AGENDA

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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 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 - 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 I-710 Technical Advisory Committee meeting of September 26, 2011

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM.

VIII. REPORTS

A. I-710 Project Committee Meeting - Oral Report by COG Staff

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

10 Min

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

5 Min

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D. 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

E. Noise Study - Key Findings Presentation – Oral Report by Caltrans

30 Min

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

30 Min

F. Visual Impacts - Key Findings Presentation – Oral Report by LSA

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

30 Min

G. I-710 Early Action Project Update – Oral Report by COG Staff and MTA

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

10 Min

H. Water Related Issues Review – Oral Report by URS

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

10 Min

I. Gateway Cities COG Engineer - Oral Report by Jerry Wood

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, December 21, 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
September 26, 2011

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA
September 26, 2011**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Pagett at 1:40 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Bill Pagett, City of Paramount and City of Maywood, Chair; Steve Hilton, City of Bell Gardens; Victor Rollinger, City of Carson; Wendell Johnson, City of Compton; Mark Christoffels, City of Long Beach; Daniel Ojeda, City of Lynwood; Mohammad Mostahkami, City of South Gate; Kevin Wilson, City of Vernon; Jane White, County of Los Angeles; Garrett Damrath, Caltrans; Frank Quon, MTA; Kerry Cartwright, POLA; Art Goodwin, ACTA (ex officio); Garry Garrigue, SCE (ex officio).

ABSENT: Carlos Alvarado, City of Bell; Bob Zarrilli, City of Commerce; Sal Bolivar, City of Cudahy; Ed Norris, City of Downey; Wes Lind, City of Huntington Park; Charlie Honeycutt, City of Signal Hill; Michelle Noch, FHWA & FTA; Eric Shen, POLB; Tommi Tyler, CHP; Phillip Law, SCAG; Peter Greenwald, SCAQMD; Mark Sedlacek, LADWP (ex officio).

Other attendees included: Ron Castaneda, County of Los Angeles; Mario Gutierrez, Caltrans; Ernesto Chaves, MTA; JD Douglas, InfraConsult; Mitali Gupta, InfraConsult; Jack Waldron, URS; Doug Smith, URS; Elizabeth Mahoney, URS; Rob McCann LSA; Esmeralda Garcia, MIG; Chris Hedden, Cambridge Systematics; Juan Carlos Velasquez, CH2MHill; Steve Huff, RBF; Janet Whittick, California Council for Economic Balance; Jerry Wood, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, GCCOG.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mohammad Mostahkami.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Matters from Staff

There were no matters from the staff.

VII. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Wendell Johnson, seconded by Daniel Ojeda, to approve the minutes of July 20, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Reports

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

Jack Waldron of URS gave a power point that overviewed the status of the engineering for the project. He informed the TAC that most of the engineering reports are completed and that they are reinitiating the project report and approval process. The draft EIR/EIS is still on schedule for release at the end of February.

It was the consensus of the TAC to receive and file the report.

B. Environmental Studies Report on the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS

Rob McCann of LSA gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the status of the environmental reports and documents, saying that these were being finalized and were on schedule. He gave a preview of the upcoming environmental documents.

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

C. Environmental Studies Report on the I-5 EIR/EIS for I-5/I-710 interchange

Rob McCann of LSA gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the status of this project. He said coordination with the I-5 project was completed.

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

D. Community Participation Report on I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS

Esmeralda Garcia of MIG gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the recent community participation meetings.

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

E. I-710 Early Action Project Update

Ernesto Chaves, MTA, presented an update on the status of the sound wall feasibility study and the three utility studies. He stated that the sound wall proposals are currently being evaluated and are expected to go the MTA board in October. Mr. Chaves said the north utility study is expected to go to the MTA Board in November or December. He reported that the central utility study RFP is presently out for bid.

Jerry Wood reported that he will be sending out a request for the TAC members to recommend early action projects that are consistent with the transportation projects now identified as part of the EIR/EIS so that they may be presented at the next TAC meeting.

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

F. Signal Synchronization Project Update

Jane White of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works gave a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed the signal synchronization projects that the County is proceeding with. She recapped the funding history, reported on projects completed and still in progress, and identified future synchronization routes for projects located within Gateway Cities. She indicated they will be looking for additional funding. She invited the TAC members to visit the County's Traffic Management Center.

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

G. ITS Implementation Plan for Goods Movement

Chris Hedden of Cambridge Systematics gave a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed this project, its intent, and the status. He referred the TAC to the brochure that has been developed for the project.

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

H. Update on Traffic Analyses

Doug Smith of URS gave a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed the key findings for the traffic operations analysis, the results for the alternatives, and the impact on the freeway. He also presented the results for the impacted arterial highway intersections for both the congestion hot spots and the intersections impacted by proposed freeway improvements.

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

I. 91/605/405 Transportation Strategic Plan Coordination of Projects

J D Douglas of InfraConsult gave of a preview of streets plan concepts. Mitali Gupta of InfraConsult presented the updated list of local arterial highway projects to be included in the transportation strategic plan and distributed the list for each city, requesting that each city review its projects one more time and provide comments by the middle of October.

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

J. I-710 Construction Impacts Discussion

Jerry Wood discussed how the construction related impacts from building the freeway improvements will be handled. He said the details for this will be developed as the PS&E are being completed and a Transportation Management Plan will be developed for each city to determine how to manage traffic during construction and to identify local improvements that would be needed for this plan. He said this could include the intersection improvements already identified to be as part of the project.

It was moved by Steve Hilton, seconded by Kevin Wilson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

K. Update on Measure R

Frank Quon, MTA, gave a report on the status of the Measure R funds and how they are being programmed. He said the Board is looking at

spending cuts to ensure the Measure R commitments can be honored. He indicated that MTA staff will be supportive of early action projects.

The TAC members inquired whether Measure R funds identified for I-710 can be used by cities to fund projects to mitigate the impacts of the mainline freeway project. Mr. Quon said he will look into this and report back to the TAC.

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

L. Current I-710 Improvement Project

Garrett Damrath, Caltrans, reported on the status of the pavement rehabilitation project on the freeway. He reported that that project should be completed by January of next year.

The TAC members requested a report on the bridge widening improvements planned by Caltrans. Mr. Damrath agreed to provide a full list of these projects to the TAC, along with examples of the plans for each of these projects.

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

M. Gateway Cities COG Engineer Report

There was no report from the COG Engineer.

IX. Matters from the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee

There were no matters from the I-710 TAC.

X. Matters from the Chair

There were no matters from the Chair.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:58 p.m.