

I-710 EIR/EIS PROJECT COMMITTEE

Monday, January 31, 2011
6:30 PM Meeting

Progress Park
 15500 Downey Avenue
 Paramount, CA

AGENDA

- 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. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the September 30, 2010, meeting of the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee

VII. REPORTS

10 Min A. I-710 EIR/EIS Project Status Report by Doug Failing, MTA – Oral Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and File Report

10 Min B. I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Engineering Report By URS, Jack Waldron – Oral Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and File Report

10 Min C. I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Environmental Document Status Report by Rob McCann, LSA – Oral Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and File Report



Metro



D. I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Community Participation Status Report by Esmeralda Garcia, MIG – Oral Report

15 min

SUGGESTED ACTION: Receive and File Report

E. Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) Status Report by Scott Broten, ICF – Oral Report

15 min

SUGGESTED ACTION: Receive and File Report

F. I-710 Early Action Sound-wall Projects Report by Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities COG Engineer

10 min

SUGGESTED ACTION: Concur with I-710 Technical Advisory

G. Status Report on Other Relevant Projects by Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities COG Engineer – Oral Report

5 min

SUGGESTED ACTION: Receive and File Report

VIII. NEXT STEPS AND MEETING SCHEDULE DISCUSSION

IX. COMMENTS FROM CO-CHAIRS and COMMITTEE MEMBERS

X. ADJOURNMENT



Metro



Caltrans



GATEWAY CITIES
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



The Port of
LONG BEACH



THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION OF
GOVERNMENTS

VI. Approval of Minutes September 30, 2010

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT EIR/EIS
PROJECT COMMITTEE**

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

September 30, 2010

I. Call to Order

Co-Chairman Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Self-Introductions

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate, Co-Chair; Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens; Jim Dear, City of Carson; Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy; Anne M. Bayer, City of Downey; Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park; James Johnson, City of Long Beach; Gene Daniels, City of Paramount; Larry Forester, City of Signal Hill; Patrick De Chellis, County of Los Angeles; Joe Aguilar, I-5 JPA; Mike Jones, SCAG; Barbara Messina, SGVCOG; Susan Seamans, SBCCOG (ex officio).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: George Mirabal, City of Bell; Hugo Argumedo, City of Commerce; Lillie Dobson, City of Compton; Maria T. Santillan, City of Lynwood; Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood; William Davis, City of Vernon; Dr. Mike Walter, Port of Long Beach; Borja Leon, Port of Los Angeles; Abdi Saghafi, Caltrans; Diane DuBois, MTA; Mark Sedlacek, LADWP (ex officio); Gary Garrigue, So Cal Edison (ex officio).

ALSO PRESENT: South Gate Councilmember Bill DeWitt; Ricardo Linarez, Field Deputy, 9th Council District, Long Beach; Mohammad Mostahkami, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, South Gate; Tom Modica, Manager of Government Affairs, Long Beach; Dave Randall, Director of Transportation, Montebello USD; Alison Linder, SCAG; Ernesto Chaves, Transportation Planner, MTA; Adrian Alvarez, Project Manager, MTA; Richard D. Jones, General Counsel, GCCOG; Ivy Tsai, Deputy General Counsel, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, Deputy Executive Director, GCCOG; Jerry Wood, GCCOG Engineer; Jocelyn Vivar, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice; B. Fazeli, Policy Analyst, Communities for a Better Environment; Julia Scoville, Communities for a Better Environment; Patty Senecal, WSPA; Andrea

Hricko, USC; Edward F. Thicksten, Senior Consultant, CCDoTT/CSULB; Nancy Pfeffer, Network Public Affairs; Eileen Aparicio, Paramount Community Advisory Committee; Carrie Scoville, San Pedro/Wilmington Community Advisory Committee; Glenna Amos, South Gate Community Advisory Committee; Lou Baglietto, Partner, Butterfield Communications; Jack Waldron, Project Manager, URS; Dave Levinsohn, Deputy Project Manager, URS; Shannon Willits, Engineering Manager, URS; Rob McCann, President, LSA; Jayna Goodman, Senior Planner, LSA; Michael Fischer, Cambridge Systematics; Esmeralda Garcia, Project Manager, MIG.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Guerrero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

V. Public Comments

Jocelyn Vivar, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, said her organization and the community advisory committees were not notified of the Executive Committee meeting held last week. She said she is concerned that there is no zero emission technology alternative being studied. She submitted a letter stating that Alternative 6B is not a true zero emission technology alternative.

Member Daniels asked how notice of the Executive Committee was given. Adrian Alvarez, MTA, responded that meeting notices are posted on Metro's website and that individuals can sign up for email notices of meetings.

VI. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Forester, seconded by Member Guerrero, to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 29, 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. I-710 Executive Committee Report

Ernesto Chaves, MTA Transportation Planner, presented a report on the recent meeting of the I-710 EIR/EIS Executive Committee. He said the Committee concurred with the recommendations of the Project Committee for the changes in the scope of work, and that the

Executive Committee's recommendations would go before the MTA Board of Directors on October 28th.

It was moved by Member Forester, seconded by Member Aguilar, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. Air Quality Action Plan Update

Adrian Alvarez, MTA Project Manager, reported that ICF International is still working on a limited Notice to Proceed while contract details regarding tasks are still being worked out. He said data requests have been submitted by ICF to SCAG, Metro, and SCAQMD.

It was moved by Member Dear, seconded by Member Infanzon, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. I-710 Air Quality/Health Risk Assessment Preliminary Results

Rob McCann, LSA, said he wished first to respond to the statements made during public comments regarding zero emission technology. He said a zero emission technology is among the alternatives selected for further study. He said Alternative 6B calls for a 10 lane freeway, with a 4 lane freight corridor restricted to zero emission vehicles. The precise type of technology is not specified. Regardless, he said, each technology being studied is a zero emission one. If Alternative 6B is selected, there will be a zero emission technology corridor, whether it is based on batteries, hydrogen fuel cells, or some other technology.

Mr. McCann said the Health Risk Protocol includes about a dozen different studies. He said they are looking at the incremental impacts of the three build alternatives versus the two no-build alternatives and what the associated health risks are with each alternative. He said they will measure different pollutants by use of models. He said a draft Health Risk Assessment was submitted to the funding partners in April. That report was not a complete report; the study of particulate matter is on hold for EPA's approval of a revised methodology. He said the goal is to complete the Health Risk Assessment and the Environmental Impact Report by next fall.

Mr. McCann said that the initial draft findings show that one of the key things is that we will see an overall improvement in air quality in 2038 over the 2008 base year because of the reduction in

pollutants. There will be similar improvement in cancer risks. Not surprisingly, he said, the construction impacts will be most felt by those living adjacent to the freeway. He said there will be an increase in greenhouse gas emissions due to population, traffic, and job growth, but less than there would be under the no-build alternative.

It was moved by Member Forester, seconded by Member Guerrero, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Status Report on the SCAG Regional Goods Movement Study

Michael Fischer, Cambridge Systematics, gave a PowerPoint presentation on SCAG's Comprehensive Regional Goods Movement Plan and Implementation Strategy. He said the study is intended to build upon the Goods Movement Element of the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), ensure that regional strategies address goods movement system-level issues, and address both highway and rail components.

Mr. Fischer outlined key study tasks and products and discussed significant changes since the 2008 RTP was adopted, including the economic recession and its effects on cargo forecasts, the shift towards 53-foot containers, the ports' Clean Air Action Plan, and changes in the railroad industry. He said the regional clean truck strategy is currently not fully defined, including a lack of consensus of the east-west alignment of the freight corridor. He illustrated the warehouse square footage within 5 miles of each of the potential east-west corridors, including both freeways and railroads. He said the aim is to identify candidate alignments for goods movement, looking at both the highway system and the rail system.

It was moved by Member Forester, seconded by Member Bayer, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

IX. Next Steps and Meeting Schedule Discussion

After discussion among the Project Committee members, it was the consensus of the Committee to hold the next meeting on Monday, January 31st.

X. Comments from Co-Chairs and Committee Members

There were no comments from the co-chairs or Committee members.

XI. Adjournment

It was moved by Member Dear, seconded by Member Daniels, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

VII. Reports
Item F

**I-710 Early Action Sound-wall
Projects - Report by Jerry Wood,
Gateway Cities COG Engineer**

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TO: I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director, Gateway Cities COG

BY: Bill Pagett, I-710 Technical Advisory Committee Chair and
Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities COG Engineer

SUBJECT: I-710 Early Action Sound-wall Projects

Background

The I-710 Technical Advisory (TAC) has previously passed a motion to make sound-walls along the I-710 some of the first early action projects. The intent is to build sound-walls (new or to replace existing sound-walls that are not adequate) so that they do not have to be reconstructed or impacted by any ultimate freeway improvements to I-710. Also, the any new sound-walls would have to be consistent with existing freeway conditions as well.

Jerry Wood of Gateway Cities prepared an analysis of possible sound-wall locations where walls could be constructed “early”. The attached diagram shows these possible locations. It consists of between 5 to 5.5 miles of sound-walls constructed at various locations as shown on the attached diagram.

The first step will be to prepare feasibility and constructability study for these **Early Action Sound-walls** based on the following “draft” conditions (using the early action sound-wall location diagram and analysis as the starting point and to be confirmed by the I-710 TAC):

- a. Any early action sound-walls have to be consistent with both the existing and proposed freeway conditions and will not have to be re-built (or otherwise impacted) when the freeway is improved.
- b. Require no additional permanent right-of-way to construct (temporary right-of-way may be needed for construction but will be evaluated so as to minimize any requirement for that).
- c. Will be consistent with the I-710 EIR/EIS, all project alternatives, and may require supplemental additional sound measurements to determine feasibility and necessity.
- d. Will be constructed to conform to the I-710 aesthetic and landscaping guidelines.
- e. Existing sound-walls that are adequate and will remain after permanent freeway construction is completed will receive aesthetic and landscaping treatments to conform to the I-710 aesthetic and landscaping guidelines. These walls will be determined as part of the feasibility study.

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- f. Will require only minimal environmental clearance (where it does not currently exist) as stand-alone projects and this will be determined as part of the feasibility study.
- g. The feasibility study will determine costs and the TAC will then set priorities based on those costs and the availability of funds, coordinating with MTA and the I-710 Project Committee.

The I-710 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed the material presented for possible locations of sound-walls as “early action projects,” voted and made the following recommendations to the I-710 Project Committee:

1. To request to the MTA Board and staff hire a consultant to do a feasibility and constructability study to determine where sound-walls could be constructed as “early action projects” (starting as a basis the possible sound-wall locations shown on the attached diagram);
2. To form a subcommittee of the I-710 TAC members to review the scope of work to retain the consultant and subsequent material and then work with the consultant to review the study and make recommendations to the I-710 TAC, I-710 Project Committee and MTA;
3. To make the Sound-wall in South Gate just south of Southern Ave. the first priority project if it is determined to be feasible; and
4. That the consultant hired by MTA to prepare the feasibility and constructability study also be retained to perform any subsequent final design work.

Attachment: Map of possible sound-wall locations

Recommended Action

Concur with the I-710 TAC recommendations stated above; and/or provide direction to staff.

