



## I-710 EIR/EIS PROJECT COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 30, 2011  
6:30 PM

Progress Park  
15500 Downey Avenue  
Paramount, CA

### AGENDA

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** The I-710 EIR/EIS Project 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 EIR/EIS Project 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 EIR/EIS Project Committee, and each speaker will only have one opportunity to speak on any one topic. You have the opportunity to address the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee at the following times:

- A. AGENDA ITEM: at this time the I-710 EIR/EIS Project 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 EIR/EIS Project 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 EIR/EIS Project Committee.

A. Approve Minutes for the Meeting of January 31, 2011, of the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM.

**VIII. REPORTS**

A. I-710 Draft EIR/EIS Circulation and Review Period – CAC Request

**10 Min**

SUGGESTED ACTION: ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CAC FOR A 180 DAY REVIEW PERIOD OF THE DRAFT EIR/EIS. REQUEST THAT THE PROJECT TEAM ASSESS CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REVIEW PERIOD. ADDITIONALLY, THE PROJECT TEAM SHOULD EXPLORE POTENTIAL REGULATORY AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH EXTENDING THE REVIEW PERIOD FOR 180 DAYS. STAFF WILL REPORT BACK ON THESE FINDINGS.

B. Private/Public Partnership (P3) Study – Presentation by InfraConsult

**15 Min**

SUGGESTED ACTION: CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE TAC TO INCORPORATE THE VERSION OF THE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (P3) TOLLING OPTION THAT ASSUMES TOLLS WILL BE ASSESSED ONLY ON THE FREIGHT CORRIDOR. THIS P3 TOLLING OPTION WILL BE LABELED AS ALTERNATIVE 6C IN THE I-710 EIR/EIS. SUPPORT THE CAC'S RECOMMENDATION TO FURTHER STUDY THE VERSION OF THE P3 TOLLING OPTION THAT ASSUMES TOLLS WILL BE ASSESSED ON TRUCKS USING THE I-710 GENERAL PURPOSE LANES AND THE FREIGHT CORRIDOR IN ORDER TO ASSESS ITS VIABILITY AS A PROJECT ALTERNATIVE. THIS P3 TOLLING OPTION WILL BE LABELED AS ALTERNATIVE 6D. STAFF WILL REPORT BACK ON THE FINDINGS OF THE VIABILITY OF ALTERNATIVE 6D AT THE NEXT PROJECT COMMITTEE MEETING IN SEPTEMBER, 2011.

- C. Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) Update – Oral Report by ICF
- 10 Min** SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
- D. Green Trucks - Oral Report by Cal Start
- 10 Min** SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
- E. Sound-walls Feasibility Study Update – Oral Report by MTA
- 10 Min** SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
- F. Utilities Relocation Studies Update – Oral Report by MTA and AECOM
- 10 Min** SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
- G. I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Engineering Update – Oral Report by URS
- 10 Min** SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
- H. I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Environmental Update– Oral Report by LSA
- 20 Min** SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
- I. I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Community Participation Update – Oral Report by MIG
- 5 Min** SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
- J. I-710 EIR/EIS Early Action Projects Report by Jerry Wood, COG Engineer
- 5 Min** 1. South Bound (S/B) Firestone Boulevard On-Ramp Early Action Project
- SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT AND RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATE; 2. CONCUR WITH TAC RECOMMENDATION TO PROCEED WITH S/B FIRESTONE BOULEVARD ON-RAMP AS AN EARLY ACTION PROJECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND REQUEST MTA TO PROCEED WITH RFP FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION; AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

**5 Min** K. 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

**5 Min** L. Review I-710 Draft Schedule of Topics – Report by Jerry Wood, COG Engineer

SUGGESTED ACTION: CONCUR WITH THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND TOPICS AND AGREE TO HAVE A MEETING IN NOVEMBER; AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

**IX. MATTERS FROM THE I-710 EIR/EIS PROJECT COMMITTEE**

**X. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

NOTICE: New items will not be considered after 8:30 p.m. unless the I-710 EIR/EIS Project 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 EIR/EIS Project Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 29, 2011, 6:30 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**  
**Approval of Minutes**

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

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

**January 31, 2011**

**I. Call to Order**

Co-Chairman Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:30 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; Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy; Luis Marquez, 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; Dr. Mike Walter, Port of Long Beach; Joe Aguilar, I-5 JPA; Garrett Damrath, Caltrans; Diane DuBois, MTA; Connie Turner, Southern California Edison (ex officio); Susan Seamans, SBCCOG (ex officio).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: George Mirabal, City of Bell; Jim Dear, City of Carson; Robert Fierro, City of Commerce; Lillie Dobson, City of Compton; Maria T. Santillan, City of Lynwood; Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood; William Davis, City of Vernon; Douglas Krause, Port of Los Angeles; Mike Jones, SCAG; Barbara Messina, SGVCOG; Mark Sedlacek, LADWP (ex officio).

ALSO PRESENT: South Gate Councilmember Bill DeWitt; Paramount City Engineer Bill Pagett, Chairman, I-710 Technical Advisory Committee; Bell Gardens Public Works Director John Oropeza; Vernon Director of Community Services Kevin Wilson; James Yang, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works; Caltrans Project Manager Abdi Saghafi; Doug Failing, Executive Director for Highway Programs, MTA; Ernesto Chaves, Transportation Planner, MTA; Adrian Alvarez, Project Manager, MTA; Lucy Olmos, MTA; Ray Park, Chairman, Carson Community Advisory Committee; Louie Diaz, Carson Community Advisory Committee; Dion Cornelius, Lynwood Community Advisory Committee; Glenna Amos, Chair, South Gate Community Advisory Committee; Patricia Long, Long Beach Community Advisory Committee; Clara Solis, East Los Angeles Community Advisory Committee; Ivy Tsai, Deputy General Counsel, GCCOG; Richard Powers, Executive Director, GCCOG; Jack Joseph, Deputy Executive Director, GCCOG; Jerry Wood, GCCOG Engineer; Jocelyn Vivar, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice; Bahram Fazeli, Policy Analyst, Communities

for a Better Environment; Angelo Logan, East Yards Communities for Environmental Justice; Monica Parrilla, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma; 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; Esmeralda Garcia, Project Manager, MIG; Scott Broten, ICF; Karl Rodenbaugh, the Planning Center.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Dion Cornelious led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Amendments to the Agenda**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**V. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

Member Walter asked that the minutes of September 30, 2010, be amended to show that he was in attendance. It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Aguilar, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 30, 2010 with the amendment requested by Member Walter. The motion was approved unanimously.

**VII. Reports**

**A. I-710 EIR/EIS Project Status Report**

Doug Failing, MTA Executive Director for Highway Programs, reported that, since the last meeting of the Project Committee, the geometric changes were approved by the MTA Board of Directors in December. He said the study is looking at tolling and traffic volumes. He said he anticipates a draft EIR will be completed in late 2011. It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Aguilar, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

**B. I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Engineering Report**

Jack Waldron, URS, reviewed the status and revised schedule for the project and gave a brief PowerPoint presentation. He said work is beginning again to bring the technical reports up to the stage they were before the geometric changes were made. He briefed the Committee on the projected schedule for the next three months. It was moved by Member Forester, seconded by Member Guerrero, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **C. I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Environmental Document Status Report**

Rob McCann, LSA, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the environmental studies. He said the environmental work has generally been on hold pending the MTA Board approval of the scope modifications. He said they are currently updating alternatives description that will be used in the technical studies and the EIR/EIS. He reviewed the work plan for the months ahead.

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

### **D. I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Community Participation Status Report**

Esmeralda Garcia, MIG, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the community participation activity through December. She outlined the activities of the Corridor Advisory Committee, local advisory committees, and the subject working groups.

Co-Chairman Hurtado asked how people are updated on new developments. He asked if updates waited until the next meeting. Ms. Garcia responded that one of the main forms of communication they use is e-mail blasts to all those who are on the mailing list.

Member Johnson asked what information they have on zero emission vehicles. Ms. Garcia said they have fact sheets with general information posted on the project website.

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

### **E. Air Quality Action Plan Status Report**

Scott Broten, ICF, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the Air Quality Action Plan. He said the general purpose of the plan is to improve air quality and public health in the Gateway Cities COG subregion. He identified the goals as to build on other related projects and improvements; evaluate other options and ideas to maximize effectiveness; identify funding, institutional structure, and legislative strategies to improve air quality; and develop specific additional mitigation measures to improve air quality. He outlined the technical components of the project scope and discussed the upcoming schedule of deliverables.

Bahram Fazeli, Communities for a Better Environment, said that Caltrans seems to be equivocating as to whether the draft Health Impact Assessment will be included in the EIR/EIS. Monica Parrilla, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma, requested that Caltrans approve immediately the inclusion of the Health Impact Assessment in the

EIR and to send notices to the community. Garrett Damrath, Caltrans, responded that Caltrans has taken that recommendation under advisement. He said Caltrans' legal counsel has advised to hold off consideration until the Health Impact Assessment is completed.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Project Committee to place an item on the agenda for the next meeting for a discussion of the Health Impact Assessment.

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

#### **F. I-710 Early Action Sound Wall Projects Report**

Jerry Wood introduced TAC Chairman Bill Pagett who reported on the TAC recommendations regarding advancing sound walls as an "early action" project. He said walls will need to be built to be consistent with any of the study alternatives and meet the aesthetics adopted. He reported the TAC recommendations as:

1. To request to the MTA Board and staff to hire a consultant to do a feasibility study and constructability study to determine where sound walls could be constructed as "early action projects";
2. To approve the Technical Advisory Committee forming a subcommittee of the TAC to review the scope of work to retain a consultant and subsequent material, work with consultant to review the study, and make recommendations to the TAC, the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee, and the MTA;
3. To make the sound wall just south of Southern Avenue in South Gate the first priority project if it is determined to be feasible; and
4. To Recommend that the consultant hired by MTA to prepare the feasibility and constructability study also be retained to perform any subsequent final design work.

Co-Chairman Hurtado asked if the governor's budget proposals affect the funding for the project. Doug Failing responded that, because the project is funded under Measure R, which is completely local funding, the project would not be affected.

Member DuBois said there is a big push to use something other than concrete for the sound walls. Doug Failing said there are some materials that have been used and worked well. He said they will look at these and others.

It was moved by Member Forester, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report and approve the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **G. Status Report on Other Relevant Projects**

Jerry Wood summarized other ongoing transportation projects that have relevance to the I-710 EIR/EIS. He listed these as the ITS Implementation Plan, the I-710 north and south utility relocation plans, CALSTART's Zero Emission Vehicle Project, the I-710 Public-Private Partnership Study, the SCAG Goods Movement Study, and the Pacific Electric Railway/West Santa Ana Branch Transit Study.

Angelo Logan, East Yards Communities for Environmental Justice recommended that public-private partnerships other than tolls be studied. Member DuBois asked what other examples of public-private partnerships there are. Doug Failing, MTA, responded that two examples would be design/build financing and container fees.

Member Infanzon asked how Mr. Wood identifies other relevant projects. Mr. Wood responded that other organizations have made contact over the past year and a half and have been given an opportunity to make presentations. He said CALSTART is an example. Member Infanzon said he thought all of these projects could be consolidated eventually into one master plan recommendation that the Project Committee could get behind.

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

### **VIII. Next Steps and Meeting Schedule Discussion**

Co-Chairman Hurtado asked for suggested dates for the next meeting of the Project Committee. He said March 31, which is the next fifth Thursday, is a holiday for the City of Paramount and other agencies. After discussion among the Project Committee members, it was the consensus of the Project Committee to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, March 30.

### **IX. Comments from Co-Chairs and Committee Members**

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

### **X. Adjournment**

It was moved by Member Forester, seconded by Member Guerrero, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

**VIII. REPORTS**  
**ITEM A**  
**I-710 Draft EIR/EIS Circulation and**  
**Review Period – CAC Request**

**TO:** I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Project Committee  
**FROM:** Richard Powers, Executive Director, Gateway Cities COG  
**BY:** Frank Quon, P.E., Executive Officer, Metro  
**SUBJECT:** I-710 Draft EIR/EIS Circulation and Review Period

## **Background**

Caltrans' typical review period for an EIR/EIS such as the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS, is 45 calendar days. This period meets standard legal requirements for public review and comment on the draft environmental document under CEQA and NEPA. The current I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS schedule assumes a 60 calendar day review period.

## **Issue**

During its May 19, 2011 meeting, the Corridor Advisory Committee (CAC) discussed the review period for the draft environmental document for the I-710 Corridor Project. The Committee discussed whether the scheduled 60 day review period would be sufficient time for community members to review what could potentially be a lengthy document. The Committee discussed their thoughts on an appropriate length of time that would be sufficient for community members to review the DEIR/DEIS and when the request could be made to Caltrans to extend the review period. Committee members agreed to discuss this item further at the June CAC meeting and to formulate a recommendation to the Project Committee for extending the review period

On June 16, 2011, the CAC discussed extending the review period beyond the proposed 60 calendar day review period. The Committee made the following comments in support of extending the review period.

- The CAC and community will need adequate time to read the document and formulate comments.
- The I-710 Corridor Project is a very large and complex project and will result in a significantly sized environmental document.
- The CAC is representative of the community and is aware of its needs for adequate time for review of the document.
- Adequate time is needed to have experts representing different community organizations review the information and provide response to the information.

In addition to discussing extending the review period, the CAC expressed a strong desire with having the information contained in the environmental document available in Spanish.

After careful discussion, the CAC requested that the I-710 Project Team investigate the option of translating the environmental document Executive Summary into Spanish. It was noted that the official documents would be the English version. The CAC also recommended that the public review period for the draft environmental document be extended from 60 calendar days to 180 calendar days.

### **Recommended Action**

Acknowledge the recommendation of the CAC for a 180 day review period of the draft EIR/EIS. Request that the Project Team assess current environmental process and requirements for the review period. Additionally, the Project Team should explore potential regulatory and other implications associated with extending the review period for 180 days. Staff will report back on these findings.

**VIII. REPORTS**  
**ITEM B**

**Private/Public Partnership (P3) Study -  
Presentation by InfraConsult**

**TO:** I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee

**FROM:** Richard Powers, Executive Director

**BY:** Doug Failing, Executive Director for Highway Programs, MTA

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

### **Background**

MTA has been conducting numerous studies to evaluate the application of public-private partnerships (P3) for different transportation projects in LA County. P3s are agreements that allow private companies to take on traditionally public roles in infrastructure projects, while keeping the public sector accountable for a project and the overall service to the public. In P3s, a government agency typically contracts with a private company to renovate, build, operate, maintain, manage or finance a facility. P3s cover as many as a dozen types of innovative contracting, project delivery and financing arrangements between public and private sector partners. One of those projects is the I-710 proposed improvements – with emphasis on the Freight Corridor in EIR/EIS Alternatives 6A and 6B. 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 of the viability of a P3 for the I-710 Corridor and presented the initial results of an assessment of the traffic impacts of differing tolling scenarios.

### **Issue**

A private-public 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 (or financing option) is to environmentally clear an alternative that includes a P3 project financing element already being considered by MTA for this and other Measure R projects. This inclusion of a P3 tolling alternative in the I-710 EIR/EIS at this time could eliminate the future need to prepare a supplemental environmental document for a P3 financing approach to implement a build alternative in the I-710 Corridor, which could shorten the project implementation time frame. The tolling (or P3) 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, as tolls affect traffic volumes in the corridor and could change the benefits and impacts of the proposed alternatives. This alternative would evaluate realistic tolling (or financing) assumptions so that the tolled (or financing) alternative selected for evaluation in the EIR/EIS is feasible to construct and operate. If enabling legislation is needed to implement tolls in the corridor, it will be identified in the EIR/EIS.

InfraConsult has made presentations to the Funding Partners, the I-710 TAC, the I-710 CAC, and the Transportation Subject Working Group regarding the traffic analysis of the Tolling Option completed to date. These entities have agreed that a toll alternative be

included in the I-710 EIR/EIS. The I-710 TAC supports the analysis of tolling trucks on the Freight Corridor as reasonable. They believe this alternative should be evaluated at this time in the I-710 Corridor EIR/EIS.

The I-710 CAC extensively discussed this TAC recommendation and has recommended including a second tolling alternative in the EIR/EIS analysis. This second tolling alternative includes tolling of trucks on both the Freight Corridor and the I-710 General Purpose lanes. It was recommended to provide additional flexibility in the eventual choice of a preferred alternative and a potential P3 financing strategy. The CAC also indicated they would like to have further dialogue and discussion about this P3 financing option at a future meeting.

The request by the CAC for further dialogue and discussion about this P3 financing option was fulfilled at their meeting in May. The same presentation on this topic was also made to the TAC. The contents of that presentation are also included in the attached Power Point and will also be presented at this Project Committee meeting. The focus of this second P3 presentation is on the viability of tolling trucks in the I-710 General Purpose lanes. After this presentation neither the TAC nor the CAC changed their previous recommendations. Further analysis is required to determine the viability of the CAC option.

### **Recommended Action**

Concur with the recommendation from the TAC to incorporate the version of the Public Private Partnership (P3) Tolling Option that assumes tolls will be assessed only on the Freight Corridor. This P3 Tolling Option will be labeled as Alternative 6C in the I-710 EIR/EIS. Support the CAC's recommendation to further study the version of the P3 Tolling Option that assumes tolls will be assessed on trucks using the I-710 General Purpose lanes and the Freight Corridor in order to assess its viability as a project alternative. This P3 Tolling Option will be labeled as Alternative 6D. Staff will report back on the findings of the viability of Alternative 6D at the next Project Committee meeting in September, 2011.

Attachments

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## **VIII. REPORTS**

### **ITEM C**

**Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) Update –  
Oral Report by ICF**

## **VIII. REPORTS**

### **ITEM D**

**Green Trucks – Oral Report by Cal Start**

## **VIII. REPORTS**

### **ITEM E**

**Sound-walls Feasibility Study Update –  
Oral Report by MTA**

## **VIII. REPORTS**

### **ITEM F**

**Utilities Relocation Studies Update – Oral  
Report by MTA and AECOM**

**VIII. REPORTS**  
**ITEM G**  
**I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS**  
**Engineering Report Update - Oral Report**  
**by URS**

**VIII. REPORTS**  
**ITEM H**  
**I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS**  
**Environmental Update – Oral Report by**  
**LSA**

## **VIII. REPORTS**

### **ITEM I**

# **I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Community Participation Update – Oral Report by MIG**

## **VIII. REPORTS**

### **ITEM J**

**I-710 EIR/EIS Early Action Projects – Oral  
Report by Jerry Wood, COG Engineer**

#### **1. South Bound (S/B) Firestone Boulevard On-Ramp Early Action Project**

**TO:** I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Project Committee  
**FROM:** Richard Powers, Executive Director, Gateway Cities COG  
**BY:** Jerry Wood, COG Engineer  
**SUBJECT:** South Bound (S/B) Firestone Boulevard On-Ramp Early Action Project

### **Background**

The I-710 TAC previously voted unanimously to proceed with the reconstruction of the S/B Firestone Blvd. on-ramp (from E/B Firestone) as an early action project. The City of South Gate asked for this as they are proceeding with widening the bridge on Firestone just west of I-710. That work is currently proceeding. That widening project just “touches” the existing S/B on-ramp, which has many nonstandard features. Caltrans continues to request the City to improve this on-ramp to eliminate these undesirable nonstandard features at its current location. However, the City would prefer to re-construct the on-ramp a little later at its ultimate location and does not have the funding to proceed with it at this time.

### **Issue**

The issue of the timing of the improvement to the S/B on-ramp remains an unresolved issue between the City and Caltrans. The vote by the I-710 TAC to proceed with this on-ramp improvement as an early action project did not satisfy Caltrans concerns with not improving the existing on-ramp. They are unsure when the ultimate project would be built. The City will make a presentation to the TAC at the meeting to update the TAC. The City will likely request that the TAC move forward with this project at its ultimate location as soon as possible to resolve the issue between them and Caltrans. The cost for the on-ramp improvement at its current location is between \$2 and \$3 M.

### **Recommended Action**

Receive and File Update, and; 2. Concur with TAC recommendations to proceed with this project for design and construction as early action project as soon as possible and for MTA to proceed with RFP; and/or Give Direction to Staff.

**VIII. REPORTS**  
**ITEM L**  
**Review I-710 Draft Schedule of Topics**

**TO:** I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Project Committee  
**FROM:** Richard Powers, Executive Director, Gateway Cities COG  
**BY:** Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities COG Engineer  
**SUBJECT:** Review I-710 Draft Schedule of Topics

**Background**

There are many reports and studies being finalized in the next few months. Many of these are planned to be reviewed with the TAC and other I-710 Committees as well as the PC. The draft list of topics and schedule is presented for information by the PC to show the proposed schedule for these presentations. Also, from review of the I-710 deliverables schedule and the deliverables schedule for the AQAP, an additional meeting of the PC is suggested. This is shown in the attachment as suggested to occur in November. This could follow the Gateway Cities COG board meeting on November 2 or occur some other time that month as agreed to by the PC members.

**Recommended Action**

Concur with the proposed schedule and topics and agree to have a meeting in November and/or give direction to staff for any changes.

**Attachment**

Schedule of Topics

**Attachment  
Technical Studies Key Findings**

**DRAFT  
SCHEDULE OF TOPICS FOR PRESENTING TO:  
SWG, TAC AND CAC**

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TAC, CAC, SWGs

Project Committee

<b>June</b>	<b>June</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Process Refresher (CSWG &amp; TSWG)</li> <li>• Freeway Traffic Forecasts/Analysis: Summary Comparisons of Alternatives (TSWG)</li> <li>• Urban Design and Aesthetics Update/Refresher (CSWG)</li> <li>• Visual Impact Analysis Key View Locations (CSWG)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Process Refresher</li> <li>• Urban Design and Aesthetics Update/Refresher</li> <li>• Visual Impact Analysis Key View Locations</li> </ul>
<b>July</b>	
<p><b>August</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arterial Traffic Analysis and Improvements Summary (TSWG)</li> </ul> <p>Topic – <u>Water (ESWG)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hydrology Report</li> <li>• Water Quality Report</li> <li>• Storm Water Data Report</li> </ul>	
<p><b>September</b></p> <p>Topic – <u>Right of Way (CSWG)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Right of Way Impact Report</li> <li>• Right of Way Relocation Impact Report</li> <li>• Utility Impact Report</li> </ul>	<p><b>September 29</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arterial Highways</li> <li>• Stormwater Treatment</li> <li>• Right of Way</li> </ul>

<p><b>October</b>  Topic – <u>Visual Impacts</u> (CSWG)  • Visual impact Analysis Report</p> <p><u>Other Topics of Interest</u>  • Cultural Resources Report (CSWG)  • LA River Impact Report (ESWG)</p>	
<p><b>November</b>  Topic – <u>Noise</u> (ESWG)  • Noise Study Report</p> <p><u>Other Topics of Interest (ESWG)</u>  • Natural Environment Study  • Section 4(f) Evaluation  • Hazardous Waste Report  • Energy Study Report</p>	<p><b>November 2</b>  Note: This meeting is a special meeting convened to review AQAP milestones. Time allowing the following I-710 key findings will be presented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual Impact Analysis Report</li> <li>• Noise Study Report</li> </ul>
<p><b>December</b>  Topic – <u>Air Quality</u> (ESWG)  • Air Quality/Health Risk Report – Part 1  • Community Impact Report</p>	
<p><b>January</b>  Topic – <u>Air Quality (cont.)</u> (ESWG)  • Air Quality/Health Risk Report – Part 2  • Community Impact Report</p> <p><u>Other Topics of Interest</u>  • Cost Estimates (CSWG)</p>	<p><b>January 2012</b> (Will require special scheduling, date TBD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Quality</li> <li>• Community Impact Report</li> <li>• Executive Summary</li> </ul>
<p><b>February</b>  Topic – Draft EIR/EIS – Executive Summary Preview (CSWG, ESWG, TSWG)</p>	