



Corridor Connections

I-710 corridor project EIR/EIS news

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Community Participation in Brief

The I-710 Corridor Project includes an extensive community participation program comprised of several tiers of advisory committees and groups that have worked tirelessly to provide invaluable feedback on the project. For more information, please visit metro.net/710 or contact Danielle Valentino, Community Relations Manager, at 213.922.7448 or valentinod@metro.net or Ernesto Chaves, Deputy Project Manager at 213.922.7343 or chavese@metro.net. You can also leave a message on the project hotline at (213) 922-4710.

Local Advisory Committees (LACs)

LAC members represent the voices of local resident and business owners of each community along the corridor. These committees have met throughout the project to discuss:

- Community profiles
- Early Action Projects

Subject Working Groups (SWGs)

These open participation groups delve more deeply into transportation, community design, and environmental issues, and are made up of representatives from the LACs as well as other appointees with subject matter interest and expertise. These groups have met over the course of the project to review, discuss, and provide feedback into such topics as:

- Air Quality and Zero Emission Analysis Methodology
- Traffic Analysis Methodology
- Elements for the Urban Design and Aesthetics Toolbox Report
- Health and Watershed Issues

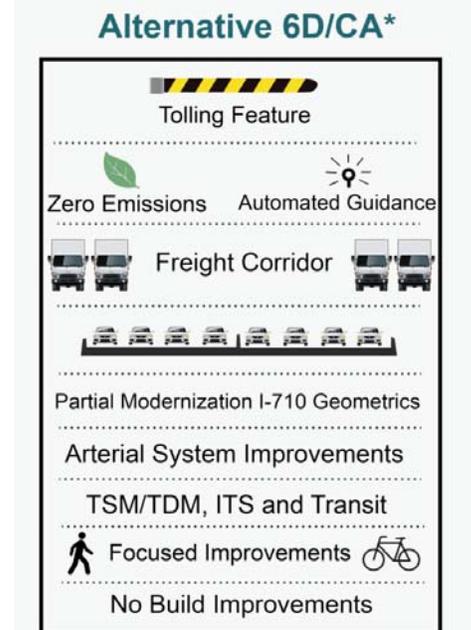
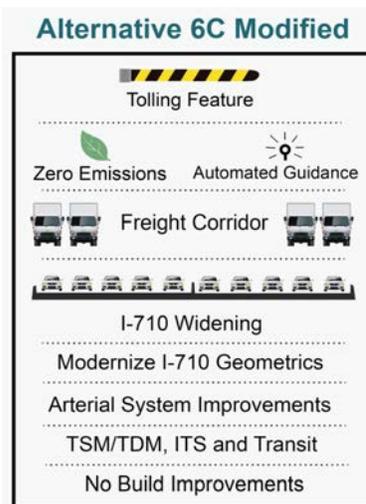
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Draft EIR/EIS Headed for Recirculation

Upon review of the extensive feedback received during the Draft EIR/EIS public comment period, Metro, Caltrans, and the project Funding Partners decided in March to move forward with a Recirculated DEIR/Supplemental DEIS (RDEIR/SDEIS). This focused RDEIR/SDEIS will update the draft environmental document for the no-build alternative and build alternatives 6C and 6D (a modification of 6C that does not include more general purpose lanes on I-710).

Through the project's community participation framework, the I-710 advisory committees also approved a recommendation to include "Community Alternative (CA) 7" for analysis in the RDEIR/SDEIS. Submitted by a coalition of community-based groups during the public review period, "Community Alternative 7" includes some local interchange and safety improvements, transit upgrades, and other community enhancements. Alternative 6D incorporates many of the elements found in "Community Alternative 7".

RDEIR/SDEIS Alternatives



* Physical/operational improvements only – other elements of CA7 are also being studied.

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Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC consists of staff members from each of the corridor communities, the County of Los Angeles, the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, Metro, Caltrans and SCAG, as well as staff from the California Highway Patrol, Federal Highway Administration, and South Coast Air Quality Management District. The TAC meets monthly to receive project updates, make recommendations, and provide feedback to the project team.

Corridor Advisory Committee (CAC)

The CAC is made up of the Chairs of each LAC and the TAC, as well as other appointees representing corridor-wide interests. The CAC's monthly meetings feature reviews of topics discussed at LAC, SWG, and TAC meetings.

Subjects covered include:

- Technical Studies Methodology
- Draft EIR/EIS Key Findings
- LAC comments on geometrics
- Public outreach approach

Upcoming Meetings

At the time of printing, the following meetings have been confirmed. Please check www.metro.net/710 for future meetings. All committee meetings are open to the public.

- ▶ **Project Committee (PC)**
May 30, 2013, 6:30 pm
Progress Park, 15500 Downey Avenue
Paramount, CA
- ▶ **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**
June 19, 2013, 1:30 pm
Gateway Cities COG Offices
Paramount, CA
- ▶ **Corridor Advisory Committee (CAC)**
June 20, 2013, 6:00 pm
Progress Park, 15500 Downey Avenue
Paramount, CA

Background

A number of important changes in the corridor have occurred since the I-710 EIR/EIS was initiated in 2008, many of which will shape the forecasting assumptions used in the RDEIR/SDEIS. For example, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) is moving forward with a Strategic Transportation Plan to study how regional commuter rail and transit use would impact auto travel and congestion. The GCCOG is also developing a Master Plan for Active Transportation to study pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in the region, and helped create the Gateway Cities Technology Plan for Goods Movement, a roadmap for easing Port-related congestion and improve efficiency.

These new studies, combined with possible expansions at the Ports and rail yards at the northern end of the corridor, fundamentally affect the growth, traffic, and employment projections used throughout the DEIR/DEIS process. It is important for the team to consider the most current available data to ensure an accurate screening process for the different Build Alternatives.

One key aspect that will not change through this effort is the comprehensive community participation framework and approach that guided the preparation of the I-710 DEIR/DEIS. This will continue as an essential component of the RDEIR/SDEIS process.

I-710 Corridor Project Coming Soon to Social Media!

The project team will improve upon its dedicated community involvement with plans to unveil I-710 Corridor Facebook and Twitter accounts. We will post project updates, meeting announcements, and photos along with pertinent regional news. You will also be able to post comments and ask questions, which will be addressed by members of the project team. In the meantime, please continue to check the I-710 Corridor Project website for the latest news and updates!

Next Steps

We will continue to work closely with the advisory committees to provide project updates and receive feedback from the community. The project team will also be busy in the coming months submitting draft responses to comments received during the DEIR/DEIS comment period to the Funding Partners for review and revising technical studies. Moving forward, the preliminary project schedule anticipates public circulation of the RDEIR/SDEIS occurring in the summer of 2014, followed by a round of public hearings and formal comment period.

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