



Corridor Connections

I-710 corridor project EIR/EIS news

WINTER 2011

Community Participation in Brief

The community participation framework for the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS encourages corridor communities to stay informed about the project and to provide input throughout the process. Your participation is encouraged! 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, Project Manager, at 213.922.7343 or chavese@metro.net

Local Advisory Committees (LACs)

LAC's represent the perspectives of residents and business owners from communities along the I-710 corridor. These groups have reviewed and discussed the following topics:

- Technical Studies
- Geometric Concepts
- Early Action Projects

The LAC's will continue to meet to receive an update on the current schedule and discuss project updates.

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. There are three SWGs:

- Environmental
- Transportation
- Community Design & Local Economy

Environmental SWG

The ESWG received presentations on key findings of the following technical studies topic areas:

- Water
- Noise

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Technical Studies Near Completion

In February 2008, the I-710 Corridor Project Team initiated the preparation of the I-710 Corridor Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). Over the past three years, the Team has engaged the community through a robust community participation framework. Community members have provided feedback on a range of topics during milestone phases of the EIR/EIS including scoping in Fall 2008 and initial alternatives screening in Spring 2009.

A key element of the EIR/EIS includes a series of technical reports that provide a comparative analysis of each of the build alternatives against the 2035 No-Build Alternative and a 2008 baseline scenario. These technical studies provide the supporting data and analysis that is presented to the public for review in the Draft EIR/EIS.

Project Technical Studies

The Project Team has previously provided presentations summarizing the key issues to be addressed and study methodology of some of these technical studies to the I-710 groups and committees. In the next several months, the Project Team will present key findings from these technical studies in advance of the circulation of the Draft EIR/EIS for public review. These presentations will be grouped by major topic area as shown below and presented to the I-710 groups and committees in the Fall and Winter 2011/2012.

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Traffic

- ▶ Freeway Operations Analysis
- ▶ Arterial Highways and Intersections Analysis

Water

- ▶ Storm Water Data Report
- ▶ Water Quality Assessment
- ▶ Los Angeles River Impact Studies

Community Aesthetics

- ▶ Visual Impact Assessment

Community Impacts

- ▶ Right of Way
- ▶ Community Impact Assessment

Air Quality

- ▶ Air Quality/Health Risk Assessment (AQ/HRA)

Noise

- ▶ Noise Impact Study

Technical Advisory Committee and Project Committee Update

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is a corridor-wide group of technical experts that advise the Project Committee (PC) and project team on technical aspects of the project. The Project Committee (PC) is made up of local community elected officials and Funding Partner representatives who make recommendations to the Funding Partners and Caltrans on policy items related to the EIR/EIS process. To date the TAC has reviewed and discussed: early action projects, geometric concepts arterial analysis, traffic, community enhancements, visual impacts and other technical studies. The PC will be receiving key findings presentations on selected technical studies along with all other committees and groups.

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Transportation SWG

The TSWG received a key findings presentation on the Traffic related technical studies in September 2011.

Community Design & Local Economy SWG

The CSWG received presentations on key findings of the following technical studies topic areas:

- Visual Impacts

The Subject Working Groups will receive presentations on the following technical studies topic areas:

- Air Quality
- Community Impacts

Corridor Advisory Committee (CAC)

The CAC is comprised of the Chairs of each LAC and the TAC, and other appointees representing corridor-wide interests. The CAC meets monthly to review topics discussed at LAC, SWG, and TAC meetings. The CAC will be receiving key findings presentations on the Technical Studies topic areas in the Fall and Winter 2011/2012.

Upcoming Meetings

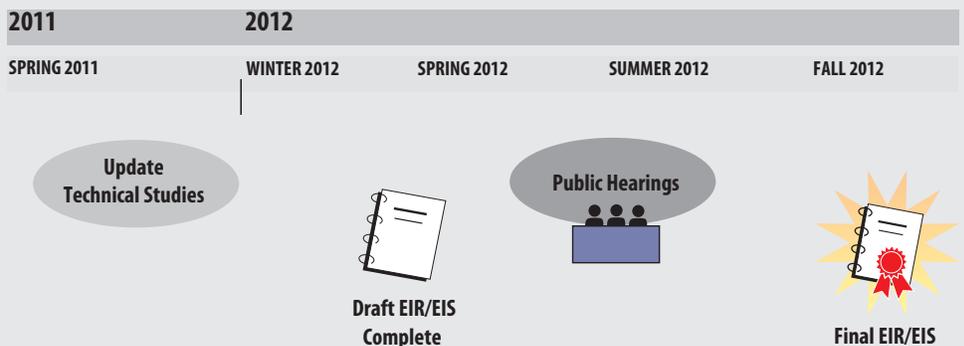
- ▶ **Transportation SWG**
None scheduled at this time
- ▶ **Environmental SWG**
January 17, 6 pm
Location TBA
- ▶ **Community Design & Local Economy SWG**
None scheduled at this time
- ▶ **Corridor Advisory Committee (CAC)**
January 19, 6 pm
Progress Park
15500 Downey Blvd. Paramount, CA

Technical Studies Near Completion (cont.)

The technical studies have been completed or are near completion by the technical team. Once all studies are complete, the Project Team will finalize the Draft EIR/EIS for public review in early 2012. The Project Team will continue to engage in communication with the corridor communities through the various advisory committees and community groups to ensure that there is ample opportunity for public participation. Please visit the project website at metro.net/710 or send us an email at 710eir@metro.net for updates, questions, or project information.

Anticipated Release of the Draft EIR/EIS

The I-710 Corridor Project Team is close to releasing the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). The EIR/EIS considers all factors of a project on the surrounding environment, including air quality, noise, hydrology, hazardous waste, energy usage, utilities, natural resources, and cultural resources. This analysis is required by federal and state agencies for new construction of highway improvement projects. An important component of the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS process is community participation.



I-710 corridor community stakeholders have been involved throughout the development of the EIR/EIS through each community's Local Advisory Committee (LAC); the corridor-wide Corridor Advisory Committee (CAC); and three Subject Working Groups (SWGs). See sidebar for updates from these committees. The release of the Draft EIR/EIS presents an important opportunity for continued public participation.

The I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS community participation framework continues to be a hallmark of this very important project. With the release of the Draft EIR/EIS the project team will continue to work with the LACs, CAC, and SWGs to ensure stakeholder participation. In addition there will be corridor-wide public hearings that will expand participation beyond the existing committee structure where the community will have an opportunity to view the supporting data and provide comment on the project benefits and impacts.



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