



Corridor Connections

I-710 corridor project EIR/EIS news

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Project Goals and Purpose

The goals and purpose of the I-710 Corridor Project continue to focus on improving air quality, public health and traffic safety in addition to addressing design deficiencies of the highway and increased traffic.

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 will be convened in 2014 to discuss the status of the project and review:

- New traffic data
- Re-defined alternatives
- Geometrics of the build alternatives

Subject Working Groups (SWGs)

These ad hoc groups were made up of representatives from the LACs as well as other appointees with subject matter expertise. They met during the initial course of the project to review, discuss and provide feedback on topics covering transportation, community design, and environmental issues. These groups may

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Project Committee Recommends Proceeding with Refined Alternatives

The I-710 Corridor Project Team has begun review of the refined project alternatives for consideration in the I-710 Environmental Document, per the direction of the Project Committee.

The I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS process began in 2008. After rigorous technical analysis and community collaboration, the Draft EIR/EIS was released in June 2012. During the comment period for the Draft EIR/EIS, it became evident that changes to the geometric design of the project would be necessary based on new information that became available. In Jan 2013, the TAC and CAC concurred with the Project Team's recommended approach to proceed with further analysis of the refined alternatives and move forward with a Re-circulated Draft EIR/EIS, subsequently in March 2013, the PC concurred with this approach.

Since then, the Project Team has updated its baseline data to reflect updated regional forecasts including vehicle and truck traffic, developments with rail data, and other factors that impact geometric design. The Project Team has been working on refinements to the project alternatives based on the updated traffic forecasts and has shared preliminary results with the TAC, CAC, and LACs.

Now with a more refined assessment of future traffic conditions along the I-710, the Project Team has been working with the TAC, CAC, LACs, agency and city representatives, and other corridor stakeholders to review the design concepts for the project alternatives that should be included in the re-circulated environmental document.



Engineers present refined conceptual geometrics to CAC at March meeting.

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be reengaged during this phase of the project as needed.

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 will be convened in 2014 to review:

- Revised traffic findings and implications
- Redefined alternatives for the RDEIR/SDEIS
- Geometrics of the build alternatives
- Other technical project data

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 will be reconvened in 2014 to review topics discussed at LAC and TAC meetings, including:

- Revised Traffic findings and implications
- Redefined alternatives for the RDEIR/SDEIS
- Community Participation process

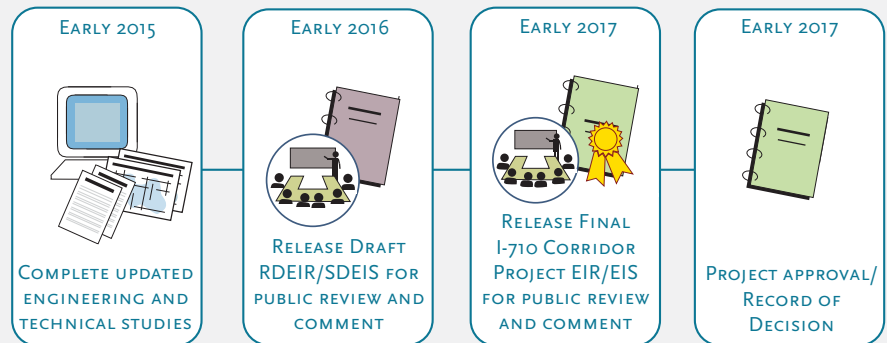
Next Steps

The community participation framework and approach that guided the Draft EIR/EIS will remain as an essential component of RDEIR/SDEIS process. In the coming months, the Project Team will be soliciting input from the community. Local Advisory Committees (LACs) will be introduced to the preliminary refined alternatives and have an opportunity to provide comments and feedback at the local level. The results of these discussions will then be brought to the CAC to ensure a corridor-wide perspective. The TAC will also provide technical review of the refined alternatives. Both the CAC and TAC will make recommendations to the Project Committee on the set alternatives for further study in the RDEIR/SDEIS. A final alternative will be identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

To Clarify....

During this refinement process, a decision on a final alternative for a built project will not be made. However, a final alternative will be selected to be included in the Final EIR/EIS. The graphic below summarizes the project milestones leading to a final EIR/EIS.

The I-710 Corridor Project Team will work closely with the project committees, technical staff and public to evaluate the design concept and scope of the project alternatives that should be included in the updated environmental document.



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