



Corridor Advisory Committee

October 15, 2008
7:30-9:00 p.m.
Progress Park
15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount

MEETING SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

On Wednesday, October 15, 2008 the Corridor Advisory Committee held their first meeting. In attendance from the I-710 Project Team were: Devon Cichoski (Metro), Jerry Wood (Gateway Cities COG), Esmeralda Garcia (MIG), Pat McLaughlin (MIG), Jayna Goodman (LSA), Jack Waldron (URS), Chris Robert and Arcelia Arce (The Robert Group) and Julia Lester (Environ).

Ms. Garcia opened the meeting with a round of introductions. She then introduced Mr. Wood, who distributed and reviewed the contents of a reference notebook assembled by the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG).

Ms. Garcia then reviewed the committee purpose and charge and indicated that it was similar to the Tier 2 committee charge:

- Provide early input on program documents and feedback for the process
- Provide a wide range of perspectives from different areas of expertise
- Promote constructive dialogue
- Reconcile recommendations from a corridor-wide perspective

Ms. Garcia then gave an overview of the community participation framework. She mentioned that during the Major Corridor Study, Tier 2 members had expressed interest in having a structure that allowed for more detailed discussion on specific aspects of the corridor and the studies. As a result, in this phase, there will be Subject Working Groups to focus on topics related to environment, transportation and community design/local economy.



Ms. Garcia then proceeded to discuss the designation of additional members to the CAC. The community participation schedule adopted by the Oversight Policy Committee (OPC) stated that the CAC can appoint up to five additional members. The CAC voted to appoint the following additional members: Harold Tseklenis, Alan Hose, Angelo Logan and Bob Eula. The CAC also stated that it would like to appoint Malcolm Carson to the Committee. Since Mr. Carson was not present for this part of the agenda, they decided to defer his appointment until the next meeting. There was a brief discussion on the designation of a chair for the CAC and it was decided that no chair was needed.

Ms. Garcia introduced Mr. Jack Waldron of URS who gave an overview of the purpose and need of the project.

- Improve air quality
- Improve traffic safety
- Address I-710 design deficiencies
- Accommodate projected traffic volumes and future traffic conditions
- Address projected growth, employment and economic activity related to goods movement

Mr. Waldron then proceeded to give an overview of the studies underway:

- Railroad Goods movement study
- Alternative technology study, intended to identify feasibility of environmentally-friendly goods movement technologies
- Multi-modal study, including enhanced use of transit to relieve traffic in the corridor
- Geometric evaluation of locally preferred strategy
- Air quality/health risk assessment

Ms. Garcia reviewed the progress of the community participation process. The Subject Working Groups will be convened as soon as remaining appointments by the Project Committee and LACs are made. The second round of LAC meetings are being held and will continue throughout the project. The CAC was interested in learning whether they would have the ability to participate in the subject working groups, how one gets appointed as well as a general description of the duties.

Mr. Wood then discussed the integration of recommendations from the Tier 2 report and the process by which they will be addressed in the EIR/EIS, by Gateway Cities COG, or by other agencies. He mentioned that nearly all of the Tier 2 Report recommendations have been incorporated in one way or another.

There were also general comments about the use of near-dock rail as a recommendation in the report and the belief that it would not cut down traffic. The comment was made that the community needs on-dock rail.

AIR QUALITY/HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT INTRODUCTION

Ms. Julia Lester from Environ gave an introduction to the Air Quality/Health Risk Assessment. The study is designed to measure the project's abilities to improve air quality and public health.

The goals of assessment are to:

- Evaluate the current and projected concentration of certain pollutants
- Evaluate the current and projected health risks

Ms. Lester gave an overview of the criteria pollutants as well as greenhouse gases that would be covered in the assessment as well as an explanation of different pollutant types. There were general questions regarding the studying of diesel and other types of fuels. Ms. Lester stated that the study would address Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and liquid natural gas in addition to diesel and would be looking at CO2 emissions along with others.

GOODS MOVEMENT INTRODUCTION

Mr. Wood gave an introduction to goods movement within the regional context. The twin ports handle 40-45% of all imported goods into country and generate 1.2 million jobs locally as well as 32 billion dollars for the economy. Mr. Wood reviewed the goods movement process, transportation modes and coordination of cargo and goods movement flow.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

After discussion committee members agreed that Wednesday at 6:30 would be a good day and time for future meetings. The CAC members asked that notices, agenda and materials be sent as far in advance as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.