



## Commerce LAC Meeting

April 14, 2009

6:30 PM

City Hall North Conference Room  
2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, California

## MEETING SUMMARY

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### INTRODUCTION

On Tuesday, April 14, 2009, the City of Commerce held a Local Advisory Committee (LAC) meeting.

Committee members present were: Chair Mario Sotelo, Vice Chair Bob Eula, Angelo Logan, Jose Zambrano, and Ernie Vela.

Members of the Project Team in attendance: Ernesto Chaves, Metro; Rob McCann, LSA and Esmeralda Garcia, MIG.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

### SCHEDULED MATTERS:

1. ***Letter to CALTRANS Regarding the City of Commerce's Comments on the I-710/I-5 Interchange Geometric Plans***

The **Committee** will consider for receipt and filing an update from staff regarding the letter to CALTRANS regarding the City's comments on the I-710/I-5 Interchange Geometric Plans.

Mario Sotelo recommended that the project team look at alternatives that would not have as many community impacts. Mr. Sotelo recommended double-decking as an option to avoid impacts to businesses in ELA and Bristow Park.



Some members of the Committee asked if the traffic model assumed the missing connectors from north bound I-710 to I-5 south and from I-5 North to I-710 South. Ms. García stated that traffic volumes forecasted in the I-5 mini study did not justify the connectors and that therefore, they are not assumed in the current model.

Members of the Committee also reminded the project team that the I-5/I710 interchange should not be looked at in isolation but as an important part of the local and regional circulation system.

**2 An update on the *Technical Team's Response to the City of Commerce's Comments on the I-710 Geometric Plans***

The **Committee** will consider for review, and take the appropriate action with respect to, an update from URS Corporation regarding the technical team's response to the City's comments on the I-710 Geometric Plans. The **Committee** will consider for receipt and filing an update from staff regarding the letter to Caltrans regarding the City's comments to the Scoping Meeting regarding I-5 (I-605 to I-710).

The City provided official comments for Phase II of the I-5 project. A copy of the letter is in the packet for LAC members. The intent of the letter is to give the Committee background on the comments.

Ernesto Chaves updated the Committee on the status of the technical team's response to the LAC's comments on the I-710 geometric plans. He stated that, in addition to gathering comments from the LACs, the technical team has also gathered comments from all the TAC members and the Funding Partners. The team has compiled responses to these comments and will be finalizing them for review by the LACs in a couple of weeks.

**3. Update – *Air Quality/Health Risk Assessment Review of Protocol and Assumptions for the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS***

The **Committee** will consider for review, and take the appropriate action with respect to, an update from representatives of LSA regarding the status of the Air Quality and Health Risk Assessment review of protocol and assumptions for the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS

Rob McCann from LSA updated the Committee on the status of the Air Quality/Health Risk Assessment protocol. Mr. McCann reminded the group that the protocol describes the methodology for what issues will be addressed and how the analyses will be conducted in the Air Quality/Health Risk Assessment. He explained that the Agency Air Technical Working Group and Environmental Subject Working Group (AATWG and ESG) provided feedback on the draft protocol. While the draft protocol includes many elements that go above and beyond Caltrans' standard procedures, there are some elements that were suggested that are not recommended for inclusion in the protocol.

There was consensus among the Committee to develop a more comprehensive analysis that goes beyond a traditional review.

**4. Update - Alternatives to be Studied Further in the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS**

The **Committee** will consider for review, and take the appropriate action with respect to, an update from representatives of URS Corporation regarding the selection of the alternatives to be studied further in the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS.

Ms. García referred to copies of a handout that summarized the set of screened alternatives that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is recommending to the Project Committee for further study in the environmental document. Ms. García explained to the group that the screening analysis was information that had been presented to the Committee during a previous meeting. Mr. McCann gave a presentation on the alternatives screening analysis, and reviewed the recommendation to carry forward four alternatives (Alternatives 1, 5A, 6A, and 6B) into the EIR/EIS technical studies.

Members of the Committee expressed concerns about not having adequate time to review the summary of analysis and make a solid recommendation on the screened alternatives. Angelo Logan asked if the entire report was available for public review. Mr. Chaves stated that the Alternatives Screening report was being circulated to the funding partners for their review. The report would be available shortly after review by the funding partners.

The Committee did not take action noting that they needed more time to review the screening results.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.