



## Commerce LAC Meeting #1

May 27, 2008

6:30PM – 8:00 PM

City Hall Emergency Operations Center  
2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, California

## MEETING SUMMARY

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS: Committee members present were Bob Eula, Angelo Logan, Jose Zambrano, Maria Becerra and Mario Sotelo (Chair).

Committee members absent were Councilmember Joe Aguilar and Eddie Tafoya.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard's Chief Advisor Kim Tachiki announced that the Congresswoman is hosting a housing workshop on July 19<sup>th</sup> and invited everyone.

### **SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

#### **1. Gateway Cities I-710 Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP)**

At the request of Member Logan, the Committee is being asked to consider for approval the following recommendations to the City Council:

- The City Council directs the representative of the I-710 Project Committee to request the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, including both the Project Committee and Executive Committee, to consider the future implementation of the AQAP at a future meeting of these Committees.
- The City Council review at a future meeting, those nine items contained within the AQAP entitled "Proposed Early Action Items Recommendations from the Environmental Community" to implement actions necessary to address air quality in the City of Commerce.

### **NOTES:**

The committee voted to direct the council to move forward with the two points above. There is a need for a corridor level air quality plan to be in place prior to construction.

Jerry Wood from Gateway COG mentioned that the Project Committee needs to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee to move forward with this.

Committee Member B. Eula mentioned that he doesn't like delays and the council needs to push this forward.

## **2. Update - Regarding the EIR/EIS I-710 Corridor Project**

The Committee will receive a report on, and thereafter will consider and take the appropriate action with respect to, an update by Metro regarding the EIR/EIS I-710 Corridor Project to include Community Participation Framework and Technical Team Progress.

**NOTES:** Devon Cichoski from Metro began the presentation and introduced Becky Draper from MIG. Devon provided a PowerPoint hand out and gave a project overview and brief highlights on the outreach for the I-710 EIR/EIS. Becky Draper gave an overview of the committees and how the LAC members can get more involved. She also gave a brief overview of coordination efforts of the I-710/I-5 outreach teams and distributed an I-5/I-710 Coordination Plan in draft form for the committee's review and feedback. Points raised by the committee follow:

- Angelo Logan recommended that the outreach team reconvene the Tier Two group from the MCS and give them an update.
- Angelo Logan asked how the LAC meetings were being publicized. Becky Draper explained that initial rounds of meetings with the communities along the I-710 corridor are now taking place. Some committees have already been formed and others are in the process of doing so. LAC meetings are open to the public and the outreach team will work with each community to plan for noticing for future meetings.
- Eula asked what community participation structure was being used in Long Beach. Becky Draper explained that a subcommittee of the Long Beach City Council will serve as their LAC. In addition four representatives have been appointed to sit on the Corridor Advisory Committee by the City of Long Beach. The outreach team anticipates larger scale public meetings will be scheduled in Long Beach as part of the community participation process.

## **3. Update – Regarding I-5 (I-605 - I-710) Improvement Project**

The Committee will receive a report on, and thereafter will consider and take the appropriate action with respect to, an update by Caltrans and Arellano Associates, regarding the I-5 (I-605 - I-710) Expansion Project to include suggestions for public outreach.

**NOTES:** Ron Kosinski of Caltrans gave a project overview and update. He introduced Laura Muna-Landa of Arrellano & Associates, who gave an overview of the community participation approach for the I-5 EIR/EIS with specific concentration on the I-5/I-710 interchange and coordination. Arrellano and Associates are coordinating the community outreach. They worked closely with Alex Hamilton, Assistant Director for Community Development, to draft a customized outreach plan for the City of Commerce. They handed out the draft plan for the committee to review and provide feedback in the future. The committee was also given an I-5 project map. Points raised by the committee follow:

- Angelo Logan said that he would like to see a “footprint” map; Bob Eula added that he wants to give input to the technical team to be incorporated into project mapping
- Mario Sotelo asked if Caltrans wants to go with the “missing connectors”; B. Eula commented that he would like to review the engineering plans because the missing connectors on the I-710 and I-5 are of concern to him; Ron Kosinski responded that in order to eliminate that as an option it has to be studied. Those studies are currently taking place. He added that he thought it unlikely that studies would support Caltrans putting in the missing connectors
- Bob Eula asked if traffic modeling had been completed; Ron Kosinski answered that it has not yet been completed and that it was important to update earlier studies as many factors that were not taken into account in earlier models (i.e., \$4 a gallon gas prices) will impact these studies
- Angelo Logan asked about the community participation framework for the I-5 EIR/EIS and who is the authority on the project; Ron Kosinski responded that Caltrans is the lead agency and gave an overview of the committee’s ongoing participation in the project

In addition to these points, discussion related to the I-5 Mini-Study took place. It was agreed that the study should be considered the Locally Preferred Strategy for the I-5/I-710 interchange and as such is the starting point for the I-5 EIR/EIS.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.