



Cudahy Local Advisory Committee

October 20, 2008

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Metro Headquarters, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles

MEETING SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

On Monday, October 20, 2008, the I-710 project team met with City of Cudahy Local Advisory Committee (LAC) representative Cynthia Romo. The purpose of the meeting was to provide Ms. Romo with a project update and to engage in a discussion on a new vision for the I-710 corridor, provide an introduction to the topic of goods movement and walk through the geometric plan analysis completed to date by the engineering team. Ms. Romo's feedback and input were encouraged throughout the meeting.

Also present at the meeting were members of the I-710 project team, Desiree Portillo-Rabinov, Metro, Jerry Wood representing the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, Jack Waldron, URS, Shannon Willits, URS and Esmeralda Garcia, MIG.

After a round of introductions Esmeralda Garcia reviewed the meeting agenda and objectives. Ms. Garcia gave Ms. Romo a brief summary of project progress since last meeting with her in August. She also mentioned that Cudahy still has the opportunity to make appointments to the Subject Working Groups and that those committees would be having their first meetings in November. Jerry Wood followed up by presenting Ms. Romo with an I-710 Project Notebook and briefly reviewing its contents.

New I-710 Corridor Discussion

Ms. Garcia introduced the topic of the "New I-710 Corridor" by stating that a component of the community participation effort for the project will focus on asking the committee members to consider ways that the I-710 corridor can be enhanced, from a community design standpoint, to move beyond just being seen as a goods movement corridor. The enhancements could include creating an identity for the corridor, improving aesthetics and safety elements and feature key projects that could be implemented in the near term. Many of the community design-related ideas that emerged from the Major Corridor Study can be used as a starting point for this discussion and assessed as to their current relevance in the corridor. Ms. Garcia asked Ms. Romo for her thoughts on a vision for the corridor. Ms. Romo stated that she was aware of some of the concerns shared by other communities and that this topic should be explored further at a future meeting.

Goods Movement Introduction

Following the “New I-710 Corridor” discussion Jerry Wood presented goods movement orientation, which provided an overview of impacts at the regional and local level, basic terminology, baseline facts, a summary of how goods are moved, and an explanation of why goods movement is important to the I-710 EIR/EIS.

Geometric Plan Review

The goods movement presentation was followed by an overview of the geometrics plan analysis conducted on the Locally Preferred Strategy that resulted from the Major Corridor Study. Jack Waldron and Shannon Willits from URS provided an overview of the segment of the geometric concepts that touch on the City of Cudahy from Firestone Boulevard to the Atlantic/Bandini exit. Mr. Willits gave an overview of the Geometric analysis process and explained that what was being presented during the meeting were preliminary findings for one of the study’s six alternatives. Mr. Willits walked through the plan layout interchange by interchange (i.e., Firestone, Florence, proposed Slauson exit, Atlantic/Bandini), explaining the refinements to the Locally Preferred Strategy, potential impacts related to these refinements and the constraints involved (i.e., Los Angeles River and DWP overhead transmission system).

The following discussion points followed the presentation:

- Improvements to the Florence and Firestone Avenues on/off ramps.
- Freight Corridor logistics; not limited to truck-only use but could also include an alternative technology system.

Other Discussion

The Project Team discussed with Ms. Romo how other LACs typically communicate with their cities including City staff, Councils and community members. Ms. Romo suggested that a public meeting in Cudahy, including their well established Neighborhood Watch group, as a good means of expanding the range of input from her community. The Neighborhood Watch group has between 100 – 120 members, meets regularly and will need to have a bi-lingual facilitator. Ms. Romo anticipates that air quality issues will be of the greatest concern to Cudahy residents.

The Project Team suggested that a work session be coordinated with City of Cudahy staff, the City Council and Ms. Romo to assist in establishing a uniform understanding of the project and Cudahy’s priorities, possible expansion of the Cudahy LAC and a plan for ensuring Cudahy’s participation on other I-710 committees such as the Subject Working Groups anticipated to hold their first round of meetings in mid-November.

CONCLUSION

Ms. Garcia will follow up with Ms. Romo related to coordination of the City work session as well as to plan for the presentation to Cudahy’s Neighborhood Watch group after the New Year.

The meeting concluded at 5:30 PM.