



East Los Angeles LAC Meeting #3

January 13, 2009

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

MEETING SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

On Tuesday, January 13, 2009, the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles held their third Local Advisory Committee (LAC) meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a project overview and update to the LAC regarding the EIR/EIS Corridor Project; to present the geometric concept plans for the proposed improvements to the I-5 freeway at the I-710 interchange and to gather their feedback. Present at the meeting were LAC members Gustavo Camacho, Martha Hernandez, Diana Tarango, Eddie Torres, and Thomas Delgado. The LAC members were joined by Amir Alam and Maged El-Rabaa from the LA County Public Works Department. Also present were members of the project team, Devon Cichoski, Metro Constituent Program Manager; Garrett Damrath, Jason Roach, Ron Kosinski, and Asadour Terterian from Caltrans; Jack Waldron from URS; and Jerry Wood representing the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. Esmeralda García, Project Manager for MIG, represented the outreach team.

Gustavo Camacho, East Los Angeles LAC Chair, opened the meeting, welcomed the audience, and discussed the importance of the upcoming process. He then handed the floor to Esmeralda García to facilitate the meeting. Ms. García introduced Jerry Wood who distributed materials to meeting attendees, including a PowerPoint handout on goods movement, and a scoping summary. Ms. García reviewed meeting objectives and began the discussion with a round of self-introductions.

PROJECT UPDATE

Ms. García introduced Jack Waldron of URS, who reviewed the content of the technical handouts and gave a brief overview and update on the project, touching on:

- Technical Team progress
- Project Duration
- Technical Team members makeup
- Overview of studies included in the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS

HANDOUT REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Ms. García then opened the discussion to feedback on the materials presented. Discussion points related to the scoping summary included:

- The need to consider feedback on I-5 and I-710 beyond the scoping phase
- I-5 Scoping did not include ELA feedback
- Ongoing opportunities for community feedback is essential
- Extend invitation to school districts for participation (LAUSD; Montebello)

In response to Mr. Waldron's technical presentation, attendees noted that:

- Plans and decisions for near-dock facilities impact the north end
- Direct access ramps to rail yards are critical to success of the preferred alternative
- Truck enforcement is critical
- Consider reversible lanes for trucks
- Study economic impacts and benefits

GEOMETRICS & TECHNICAL STUDIES

Ms. García introduced Asadour Terterian from Caltrans, who presented geometric information including the mini study of the I-710 mainline north of Washington Blvd., and the I-5/I-710 interchange. Questions and comments regarding Mr. Terterian's presentation included:

- When is the best time to inform the community of potential impacts?
 - After refinements and further modeling
- Maintain access and preserve as much property as possible on Telegraph during and after construction
- Potential exposure to health impacts—proximity to freeway
- Consider revisions to concept even if they do not meet Caltrans design standards—potential exceptions to the shoulder
- Possibly keep Telegraph narrower to the north and wider to the south

The LAC will convene during another meeting to further review and discuss the geometric plans.

Mr. Waldron gave an overview of the studies completed to date and the methodology for screening alternatives, to which there were no comments.

APPOINTMENTS & NEXT STEPS

The committee announced Eddie Torres as appointee to the Community Design Subject Working Group, and Diana Tarango to the Transportation Subject Working Group.

Ms. García then announced upcoming project meetings, and instructed LAC members to follow up with the outreach team to schedule the next East Los Angeles LAC meeting.

The meeting concluded at 7:55 PM.

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- ▶ NEED TO CONSIDER FEEDBACK ON I-5 & I-710
- ▶ "SCOPING" DID NOT INCLUDE EIA FEEDBACK
- ▶ SHOULD HAVE ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY FEEDBACK
- ▶ EXTEND INVITATION TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR PARTICIPATION
 - LAUSD - MONTEBELLO
- ▶ PLANS FOR NEAR (DECISIONS) DOCK FACILITIES IMPACT NORTHEND
- ▶ DIRECT ACCESS RAMPS TO RAILYARDS ARE CRITICAL TO SUCCESS OF PREFERRED ALT
- ▶ TRUCK ENFORCEMENT IS CRITICAL
- ▶ HAVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS BENEFITS STUDIED
- ▶ PROVIDE SECTIONS TO INFORM REVIEW OF CONCEPTS
- ▶ CONSIDER REVERSABLE LANES FOR TRUCKS

I-5

- ▶ WHEN IS BEST TIME TO INFORM COMMUNITY OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS
 - AFTER REFINEMENTS & FURTHER MODELING
- ▶ ACCESS ON TELEGRAPH.
- ▶ POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO IMPACT-PROXIMITY TO EHW
- ▶ CONSIDER REVISIONS TO CONCEPT
 - POTENTIAL EXCEPTIONS: SHOULDER
- ▶ POSSIBLE NARROWER TELEGRAPH TO NORTH & WIDER TO SOUTH

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