



Huntington Park LAC Meeting #1

May 19, 2008

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

3030 E. Florence Ave., Huntington Park

MEETING SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

On Monday, May 19, 2008, the I-710 project team met with City of Huntington Park Local Advisory Committee (LAC) representative Eddie Benitez. Mr. Benitez is a Planning Commissioner for the City of Huntington Park. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a Project Overview and Update to Mr. Benitez regarding the EIR/EIS Corridor Project, to discuss desired outcomes and expectations of the LAC and to introduce the community participation framework.

Also present at the meeting were members of the I-710 project team, Devon Cichoski, Metro Constituent Program Manager and Jerry Wood representing the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. Becky Draper of MIG represented the outreach team at the meeting.

Ms. Draper reviewed meeting objectives and began the discussion with a round of self-introductions.

The I-710 project team provided background on I-710 Major Corridor Study, progress since the completion of the Tier 2 report and discussed the path moving forward for the I-710 EIR/EIS process. The discussion focused on describing the MCS and the role that the LACs serve in the EIR/EIS phase of the project, the responsibilities of LAC members and additional opportunities for community participation. The custom-tailored approach of the community participation process was emphasized during the meeting.

Following the discussion of the project and opportunities for community participation Jerry Wood reviewed the Locally Preferred Strategy pointing out areas likely to be of particular interest to the community of Huntington Park (i.e., Firestone Ave.). Mr. Benitez expressed particular interest in congestion relief on Florence Ave. Westbound.

Mr. Benitez was provided with informational handouts including:

- Project Overview Fact Sheet

- Community Participation Framework
- Outreach Activities 6-Month Schedule
- LAC Approach Graphic
- Overview PowerPoint Presentation
- I-710 hybrid corridor map
- I-710 LPS designs in Huntington Park area

The meeting was conducted as an open discussion and questions were encouraged throughout the meeting. Specific questions raised by Mr. Benitez included:

- Will cameras be installed along the freeway? Jerry Wood responded that “Intelligent Transportation Systems” are being looked at and that measures such as cameras are being considered.
- Are they raising the bridge at Firestone Ave.? Jerry answered that plans are being made to raise the bridge because taller trucks have hit it in the past.
- How many homes and/or businesses will be taken if the Locally Preferred Strategy is implemented? Jerry responded that if the LPS is built as designed that no homes would be taken and between 10 – 15 businesses along the corridor would need relocation.

CONCLUSION

Ms. Draper said that she would follow up with Mr. Benitez with a copy of the Tier 2 report and electronic copies of the handouts provided at the meeting. Mr. Benitez said that he would be attending a Planning Commission Meeting on 5/20. He said that he would provide an update to the Commission members. Ms. Draper said that she would follow up with Mr. Benitez during the week of 5/26 to discuss any questions that he or the Commission might have. A second meeting date was not set, but it was discussed that the next in-person meeting would be scheduled as needed following the conversation during the week of 5/26.

The meeting concluded at 6:00 PM.