



Huntington Park Local Advisory Committee

September 16, 2008
10:00 a.m.
Huntington Park City Hall

MEETING SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

On Tuesday, September 16, 2008 members of the I-710 Project Team met with Huntington Park Local Advisory Committee member, Andy Molina, as well as with representatives of several City of Huntington Park departments and the Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Molina is a Planning Commissioner for the City of Huntington Park. This was the second meeting between members of the I-710 Project Team and representatives from the City of Huntington Park. The first meeting took place on May 19, 2008 between Huntington Park Local Advisory Committee member, Eddie Benitez, and members of the I-710 Project Team.

In addition to Mr. Molina, attendees from City departments included Gregory Korduner, City Manager; Alan Shear, Assistant City Manager; Henry Gray, Director of Community Development; Eric Garcia and Albert Fontanez. Dante D'Eramo, Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, was also present at the meeting. In attendance from the I-710 Project Team were: Devon Cichoski (Metro), Jerry Wood (Gateway Cities COG) and Becky Draper (MIG). The purpose of the meeting was to review the project's history and give an overview of the technical and community participation approach and progress to date.

The meeting began with a round of self introductions. Following the introductions Devon Cichoski gave the committee an overview of the project's history including the previously completed Major Corridor Study.

PREVIOUS I-710 PROJECT

Ms. Cichoski gave a brief project history that touched on:

- Major Corridor Study (MCS)



- Project Study Area (MCS and EIR/EIS)
- Relationship of MCS to EIR/EIS
- Locally Preferred Strategy
- Progress since completion of MCS and Tier 2 Report
- Issues emerging from MCS
 - Air Quality
 - Congestion
 - Safety
 - Outdated freeway infrastructure

NEXT STEPS FOR I-710 PROJECT EIR/EIS

Ms. Cichoski led off the discussion of the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS by outlining the project objectives. Project objectives based closely on the issues emerging from the MCS include:

- Improve air quality and reduce public health risks
- Improve mobility (i.e., safety, congestion, outdated infrastructure)
- Assess alternative goods movement technologies

Technical Team

Ms. Cichoski turned to Jerry Wood to provide an overview of the technical team work and progress to date. Mr. Wood's overview covered the following topics:

- Project schedule
- Project study area
- Hybrid design layout
- Issues of interest to Huntington Park (i.e., 5/710 interchange; missing connector on 710N to 5S; Atlantic/Bandini interchange; possible addition of Slauson Avenue exit)
- Early action items (i.e., Atlantic/Bandini interchange improvements)
- Overview of studies included in the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS

Community Participation

Mr. Wood then asked Becky Draper to provide an overview of the community participation framework and progress to date. Ms. Draper touched on the following points:

- Community participation approach
- Outline of various committees serving the project
- Need for the Huntington Park LAC's appointments to the Corridor Advisory Committee and Subject Working Groups by September 30, 2008

- Mr. Molina stated that Eddie Benitez will serve as Chair of the Huntington Park Local Advisory Committee and as the community's primary representative on the I-710 Corridor Advisory Committee. Mr. Molina will serve as alternate to the Corridor Advisory Committee.
- Community Participation Team progress to date

Following the overviews the floor was opened to questions and discussion.

DISCUSSION

Key points included:

- Ongoing communications with City of Huntington Park: Mr. Korduner, Mr. Shear and Mr. Gray will be copied on all communications sent to Huntington Park LAC members.
- Presentation to Chambers of Commerce Alliance: The Project Team will coordinate with Mr. D'Ermo to schedule a project briefing/update for the Chamber alliance, which includes representative members from Long Beach up to Vernon, in the near future.
- Gateway Cities COG production of I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS notebooks. The attendees requested that 6 notebooks be reserved for the Huntington Park (Eddie Benitez – 1; Andy Molina – 1; Chamber of Commerce – 1; City of Huntington Park – 3)
- Organizing a larger scale community meeting to provide project information/update and encourage additional participation and possible LAC membership. Mr. Molina will coordinate with the Project Team to plan for such a meeting in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.