

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE I-710 EIR/EIS PROEJCT COMMITTEE**

**A Meeting Held at the Gateway Cities Council of Governments  
16401 Paramount Blvd.  
Paramount, CA**

**August 21, 2008**

**I. Call to Order**

Co-Chair Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken by Self-Introductions.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Co-Chair Gil Hurtado, South Gate; George Mirabal, Bell; Hugo Argumedo, Commerce; Frank Gurule, Cudahy; Anne Bayer, Downey; Felipe Aguirre, Maywood; Gene Daniels, Paramount; Larry Forester, Signal Hill; Patrick DeChellis, County of Los Angeles; Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza, Port of Los Angeles; Joe Aguilar, I-5 Joint Powers Authority; Abdi Saghafi, Caltrans; Bonnie Lowenthal, MTA; Rich Macias, SCAG; Barbara Messina, San Gabriel Valley COG.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Co-Chair Bob Foster, Long Beach; Mario Beltran, Bell Gardens; Jim Dear, Carson; Lillie Dobson, Compton; Elba Guerrero, Huntington Park; Maria T. Santillan, Lynwood; William Davis, Vernon; Dr. Mike Walter, Port of Long Beach.

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Pagett, Chair, I-710 Technical Advisory Committee; Karen Heit, MTA Board Deputy; Ernest Morales, MTA Deputy Executive Officer; Maged El-Rabaa, County of Los Angeles; Richard Powers, GCCOG Executive Director; Jack Joseph, GCCOG Deputy Executive Director; Jerry Wood, GCCOG Consultant Engineer.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Member Gurule led the Pledge of allegiance.

**IV. Amendments to the Agenda**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**V. Public Comments**

Elena Green, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma, requested a status report on the Air Quality Action Plan, the resolution of the \$1 million from the Port of Los Angeles for alternative technology applications, and the status of additional air monitoring stations along the I-710 freeway.

Malcolm Carson, Legal Aid Foundation, requested getting the previous Tier 2 Committee members together again to receive an update on the plan for the community participation process.

The GCCOG Executive Director responded that at tonight's meeting the Committee will hear a lot about the community participation process. He said that consultant engineer Jerry Wood would be presenting an update on the Air Quality Action Plan. He said that efforts were now being made to put together funding for the implementation of the Plan, which includes a request for more monitoring stations.

## **VI. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Member Forester, seconded by Member Daniels, to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2007, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **VII. Appoint Members to I-710 Corridor Advisory Committee**

The GCCOG Executive Director reviewed the various levels of community participation previously adopted by the Committee for the EIR/EIS process. He reported that the COG had received expressions of interest from five individuals to serve on the I-710 Corridor Advisory Committee and that they represented a broad range of interests and perspectives.

Member Lopez-Mendoza asked whether all of the previous members of the Tier 2 Community had been contacted regarding their interest in serving on the Corridor Advisory Committee. Jerry Wood responded that they had all been contacted by e-mail.

It was moved by Member Forester, seconded by Member Daniels, to appoint Joseph Maggadino, Hamid Bahadori, Edward Avol, Patty Senecal, and Louis Diaz to the Corridor Advisory Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **VIII. Reports**

### **A. Status Report on the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Study and Presentation of Need and Purpose Statement**

The consultants from URS and MIG presented the status of the project for the Committee.

The consultants also presented and reviewed the draft Need and Purpose Statement for the project.

Member Forester asked what the baseline is against which improvement in air quality will be measured. Project consultant Rob McCann responded that the baseline is being developed.

In response to a question from Member Daniels, Esmeralda Garcia of MIG confirmed that the community participation process would be a “bottom up” one.

Member Mirabal asked how they will work with Spanish speaking people. Ms. Garcia responded that newsletters will be bilingual and that the community participation staff includes Spanish speaking individuals. Member Mirabal said that he thought there should be a scoping meeting in the South Gate-Cudahy-Bell-Maywood area.

It was moved by Member Forester, seconded by Member Gurule, to receive and file the status report and to approve the Need and Purpose Statement. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS – Review of background material and information on Goods Movement Factors

Mike Fischer of Cambridge Systematics presented information on container and goods movement for review by the Project Committee.

After some discussion, it was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Forester, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS – Key Assumptions – Review and Recommendations

Bill Pagett, I-710 Technical Advisory Committee Chairman and Jerry Wood, Gateway Cities Council of Governments, reviewed the six (6) key assumptions for the project that had been reviewed and approved by the TAC and requested recommendations or direction to staff on proceeding with direction.

After some discussion it was moved by Member Forester, seconded by Member Daniels, to approve the Key Assumptions as recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee. Member Lopez-Mendoza said that before she could vote on the matter she would like to have it brought back at another meeting along with a discussion of the I-710 alternatives. Members Forester and Daniels withdrew their motion.

It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Forester, to continue this item to a meeting to be held within thirty days and to agendaize for that meeting a review of the I-710 alternatives. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **IX. Comments from Committee Members**

Committee members requested that meetings be more frequent (at least quarterly) on a regular basis and the meetings and formation of the Subject Working Groups and Corridor Advisory Committees move forward. There was also a request for any material to be distributed in advance of the meeting.

## **X. Adjournment**

It was moved by Member Forester, seconded by Member Gurule, to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.