



Vernon Local Advisory Committee

September 12, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Vernon Chamber of Commerce Office

MEETING SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

On Friday, September 12, 2008 the Vernon Local Advisory Committee held their first meeting. The meeting was held at the offices of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce. The full Vernon Chamber of Commerce had received a briefing on the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS on May 15, 2008 during their regular monthly meeting. A subcommittee of the Vernon Chamber will serve of the I-710 Local Advisory Committee (LAC) for the project. LAC members in attendance included John Maniatakis, Jon Startz and Marisa Olguin. In attendance from the I-710 Project Team were: Devon Cichoski (Metro), Jerry Wood (Gateway Cities COG), Jack Waldron (URS) 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
- 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 - Outdated freeway infrastructure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 and preliminary schedule. 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- Improve mobility (i.e., safety, congestion, outdated infrastructure)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 Jack Waldron to provide an overview of the environmental and technical work included in the project. Mr. Waldron's overview covered the following topics:

- Environmental and engineering scope of work
- Technical Team progress to date
- Overview of studies included in the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS

Community Participation

Mr. Waldron 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 Vernon LAC's appointments to the Corridor Advisory Committee and Subject Working Groups by September 30, 2008
- Community Participation Team progress to date

Following these overviews the committee opened to discussion and sharing of project priorities and issues of specific interest to Vernon.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Key points included:

- Alternative technology: If used a reliable system is mandatory; system shut down and massive delays could result otherwise.
- The limits of goods movement facilities' capacity.

- Underutilization of the Alameda Corridor.
- Storage scarcity in the City of Vernon.
- The potential and timeline for intermodal inland ports (i.e., Victorville).
- Potential for diverting Port business to other ports:
 - Oxnard and other west coast ports are all at or near maximum capacity
 - Future Mexican port has some potential but would offer limited (approximately 2 million containers per year) help; cross border issues could also create difficulties
- Short-term improvements:
 - Expansion of Port hours
 - Pier Pass
 - Build sound walls
 - Other potential early action projects (i.e., Atlantic/Bandini intersection improvements)
- The committee expressed interest in having a presentation by the Port of Los Angeles and/or Port of Long Beach at the next monthly meeting of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce on September 25, 2008 or another date in the near future. Devon Cichoski offered to coordinate the presentation.

NEXT STEPS/ADJOURNMENT

- Becky Draper will follow up with Marisa Olguin to obtain Vernon LAC's appointments to the Subject Working Groups and the Corridor Advisory Committee. These appointments are to be finalized by September 30, 2008.
- Becky Draper will send electronic copies of handout materials provided at scoping meetings held on September 9, 10 and 11 to Vernon LAC members.
- Devon Cichoski will follow up with Marisa Olguin on scheduling a Port presentation to the Vernon Chamber of Commerce.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

