



Commerce LAC Meeting

January 27, 2009
6:30 PM

City Hall North Conference Room
2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, California

MEETING SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

On Tuesday, January 27, 2009, the City of Commerce held a Local Advisory Committee (LAC) meeting.

Committee members present were: Chair Mario Sotelo, Vice Chair Bob Eula, Angelo Logan, Jose Zambrano, Councilmember Joe Aguilar, and Ernie Vela (new member).

Members of the Project Team in attendance were: Devon Cichoski (Metro), Esmeralda Garcia (MIG), Kayleen Maya-Aviles (VPE), Jerry Wood (GCCOG), and Jack Waldron (URS).

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

- 1. Selection of Alternate member for the I-710 EIR/EIS Corridor Project Subject Working Group: Community Design and Local Economy**
 - The Committee discussed the status of current representatives to the Subject Working Groups. The Committee decided to continue with the current representatives and table this item to a future meeting. Currently Mario Sotelo and Bob Eula represent Commerce on all three working groups.
- 2. I-710 Conceptual Geometric Plans Previously Presented by URS Corporation**



- Geometrics plans were presented to the committee during the December meeting and the comments from Committee, Staff, and Council were submitted to Metro. A copy of a letter with comments was shared with the Committee.
- Committee members expressed concerns regarding additional traffic impacts to the Commerce community due to the Slauson Avenue off-ramp.
- Safety issues concerning Washington Boulevard on/off-ramp north and south bound were raised.
- The need for the I-5/I-710 missing connectors was raised. The consultant team will conduct modeling studies and run targeted traffic volumes to determine needs and impacts and provide numbers for this area. In addition, further analysis will also include air quality and safety impacts.
- Measure R funds have new improvements slated for funding that could result in early projects benefiting the corridor communities.

3. Status Report Regarding Implementation of I-710 LAC's recommendations regarding Gateway Cities I-710 Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP)

- No comment

4. I-5 Conceptual Geometric Plans Presented by Caltrans

- Consultants used the mini-study as a foundation and looked at other areas for improvements along the corridor. Mr. Wood will follow up with the City and Staff once they have had time to review the maps in detail to obtain feedback. They looked at the following:
 - 10 Lane concept, 4 mixed flow and 1 HOV lane each way for I-5
 - Tunnel option for the HOV lanes in East Los Angeles
 - 10 lane concept for mixed flow for I-710
 - Full center lane on I-5 southbound
 - Elevated option, 10 lanes with elevated HOV structure and 4 connections
 - Elevation 2 HOV lanes only

5. Update – EIR/EIS I-710 Corridor and I-5 Corridor Projects

- Ms. Garcia (MIG) discussed outreach. There will be a Project Committee meeting on Thursday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Gateway Cities COG.
- The CAC met last week. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18th.
- The Subject Working Groups have met. They include: Environmental, Transportation and the Community Design and Local Economy.
- Project information is being posted to the project website hosted by Metro: www.metro.net/projects_studies/I710
- Members of the Committee requested copies of the Project Committee agendas and minutes. Councilman Joe Aguilar will make the request to the Project Committee for their approval.
- The outreach team will work with Linda Wright from the City of Commerce to ensure information is distributed to the committee members.
- Ms. Cichoski distributed copies of the final report for the scoping phase to the Committee.

6. Update – I-710 EIR/EIS Corridor and I-5 Corridor Project Subject Working Groups
Environmental SWG Report

- Mr. Logan reported that he did not attend this meeting but had attended the CAC meeting where they distributed a copy of the HRA study. Copies will be made for Committee members to review.

Transportation SWG Report

- Mr. Eula attended and noted that he believes electric trucks are the best option. Setting up Maglev terminals would be difficult to implement. Chair Sotelo added that he also believes battery powered trucks are a good option.

Community Design & Local Economy Report

- Chair Sotelo reported that the consultant presented various options to sound walls and what European countries are doing.
- Landscapes, solar panels and lighting were other ideas shared.
- Mr. Sotelo will review with the committee the presentation made to the Community Design Subject Working Group at a subsequent meeting.

The representatives expressed that there are will be many opportunities for broader public participation in these working groups. There are great ideas being shared.

7. Update – I-170 EIR/EIS Corridor Project Technical Studies

Mr. Waldron (URS) provided the following updates:

- The team is currently working on the screening alternatives and methodology.
- Studies are underway to evaluate safety, air quality and congestion.

I-710 Technical Studies Overview:

Cargo Forecast

- a. High-growth scenario: no expansion of near dock facilities, 43M TEU expected for high-growth.
- b. Low-growth scenario: ports will expand 28.5M TEU at current footprint.
- c. High-growth scenario: 2 ports expand beyond current footprint and implement projects. 43M TEU expected for high-growth.

Alternative Technology Study- The system may be part of a regional system to improve air quality. SWG to discuss this more and how it can be part of the project.

Multi-modal Review Study- analyzes other modes of transportation, such as bus, rail and non-motorized as a means to reduce traffic congestion.

Project Committee will make decision on one of the cargo forecasts described above during their meeting on January 29. The Project Committee will review the screened alternatives and the revised geometric plans on April 30th.

NEXT STEPS

Next meeting of the Commerce LAC will be held on February 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.