



Commerce LAC Meeting

February 24, 2009

6:30 PM

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

MEETING SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

On Tuesday, February 24, 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, and Ernie Vela.

Members of the Project Team in attendance: Dave Levinson, URS Esmeralda Garcia, MIG, Kayleen Maya-Aviles, VPE.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

SCHEDULED MATTERS:

1. *I-5 Conceptual Geometric Plans Previously Presented by Caltrans*

The **Committee** will consider for review, and take the appropriate action with respect to, the I-5 conceptual geometric plans previously presented by Caltrans for the I-5 Improvements at the I-710 Interchange.

The Committee continued this item from its meetings of January 27, 2009 and February 10, 2009.

Alex Hamilton requested that this item continue this item to the next meeting because they need time to review the recommendations and develop comments.



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Esmeralda Garcia spoke to Caltrans and stated that there is no rush to decide on the plans. The committee will review the maps at the next meeting.

In addition, the City will continue to work with the project team to involve the LAC in the I-5 project. MIG is also coordinating with Caltrans and their outreach team on the I-5 environmental process, Arellano & Associates, for the I-5 project on the I-5 I-710 interchange.

2. Letter to Caltrans Regarding the City's Comments to the Scoping Meeting Regarding I-5 (I-605 to I-710)

The **Committee** will consider for receipt and filing an update from staff regarding the letter to Caltrans regarding the City's comments to the Scoping Meeting regarding I-5 (I-605 to I-710).

The City provided official comments for Phase II of the I-5 project. A copy of the letter is in the packet for LAC members. The intent of the letter is to give the Committee background on the comments.

3. I-710 EIR/EIS Corridor Project Screening Methodology

The **Committee** will consider for receipt and filing an update from representatives of URS Corporation regarding the I-710 EIR/EIS Corridor Project methodology for screening of the alternatives for further study.

Dave Levinsohn from URS conducted the presentation.

Q: During the screening process, can other alternatives be considered and can some be blended with others?

A: They need to continue the process to narrow down the alternatives to find that the ones that will be analyzed in detail during the environmental process. Alternatives can be blended with each other.

Q: The alternatives seem to build on one another as you move from alternative 2 through 6. Is this the first time this process has been applied to transportation projects?

A: No, it's not the first time. The alternatives are based on the hard work completed through the Major Corridor Study and the six alternatives are based on the the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPS) from the Major Corridor Study, with the exception of Alternative 3. Alternative 3 was added to the current project due to research and development that has occurred over the past several years on advanced technologies for container transport.

Q: How do you weigh the criteria for screening the alternatives?

A: In this project, the agencies are not applying weights to the screening criteria because the weight applied to each criterion may be considered to be subjective. The project team will present the screening results for each criterion to the community so that they can place their own weights on the criteria based on the relative importance each community places on each of the criteria.

4. Update – I-710 EIR/EIS Corridor Project Subject Working Groups

The **Committee** will consider for receipt and filing an update from respective representatives from the I-710 EIR/EIS Corridor Project Subject Working Groups: 1) Environmental, 2) Transportation, and 3) Community Design & Local Economy.

The meeting summaries are a great way to stay updated on the work of the SWG's.

Environmental SWG-Angelo Logan shared with the group that Jerry Wood presented to the group and distributed a fact sheet. The HRA will be completed for the project. This is the first time this will be done for this type of project. Guests that were in attendance included LAUSD, LBUSD, Montebello USD, LA County Department of Health.

Transportation SWG-Bob Eula shared with the group that this is a small group. He was impressed by the electrified trucks option. It is important for Commerce with the two RR yards and trucks access the RR yards directly.

Community Design-Esmeralda Garcia provided a brief overview of a PowerPoint presentation developed by Gruen and Associates. The presentation including images of various types community enhancements such as sound wall and landscaping treatments.

Q: Will the area north of Washington be part of the presentation or will it be part of the I-5? The team will confirm with the project team and follow up with the Committee.

Angelo Logan requested that the City host a SWG meeting in Commerce. In addition, he asked if a member of the community could be appointed to a SWG or can the LAC grow in membership. The team discussed this and the City will look into these ideas and report back to the Committee.

STAFF REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.