



ALTERNATIVES SCREENING

Introduction

The purpose of the Alternatives Screening phase of the I-710 Corridor Project is to identify the best transportation improvement alternatives to be analyzed in further detail in the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). On April 30, 2009, the I-710 Project Committee will make a recommendation on which alternatives should be carried forward for this analysis.

Previous studies and community participation helped refine an original list of twelve alternatives to the six outlined below. Among those is Alternative 6: the Hybrid Alternative or Locally Preferred Strategy (LPS). The LPS was recommended, in consultation with local communities, as the preferred improvement alternative at the conclusion of the I-710 Major Corridor Study in 2005.

The following are the six alternatives under evaluation. Each alternative builds on and includes elements of the preceding alternatives as illustrated at right:

Alternative 1: No Build (the baseline scenario)*

Alternative 2: Transportation Systems Management/Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM)/Transit/Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

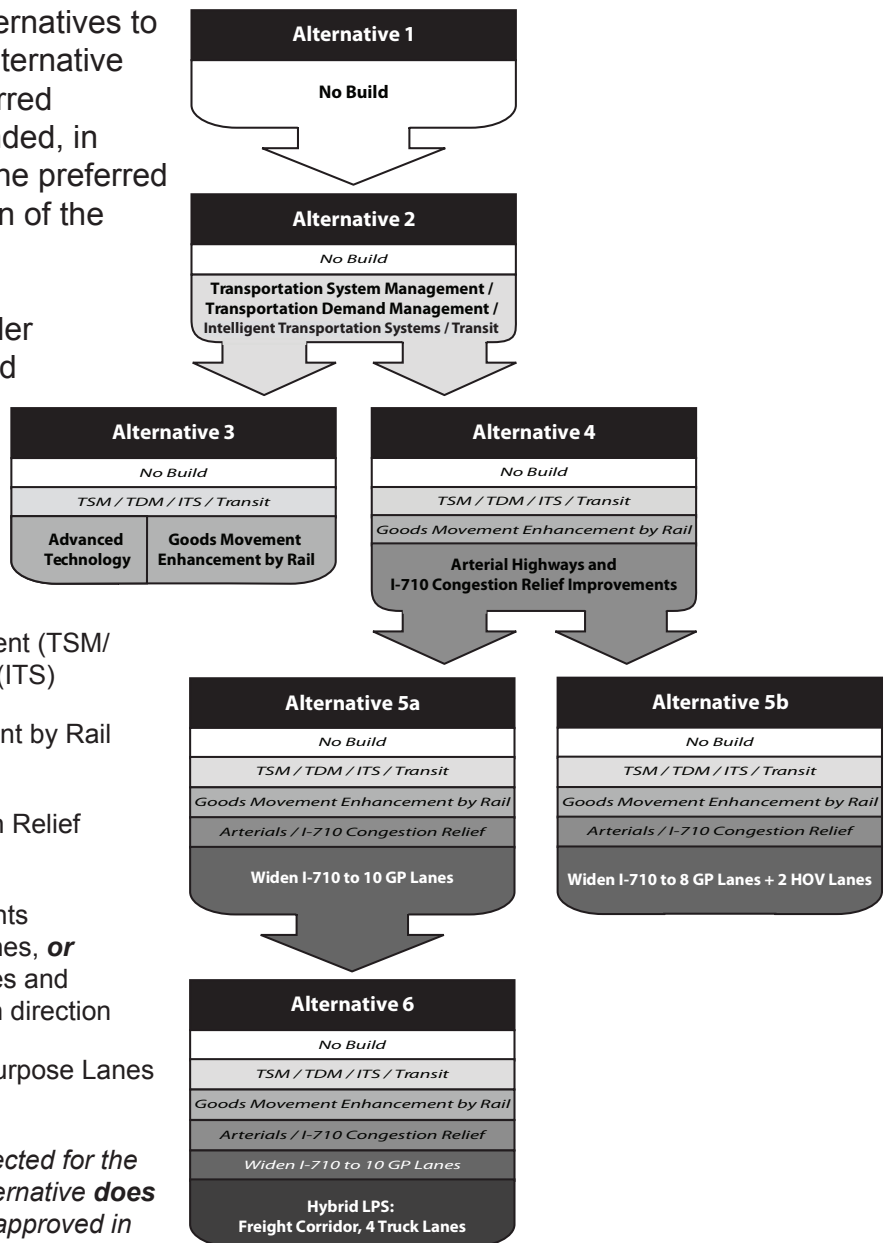
Alternative 3: Enhanced Goods Movement by Rail and/or Advanced Technology

Alternative 4: Arterial & I-710 Congestion Relief Improvements

Alternative 5: Mainline I-710 Improvements
 - **5A:** 10 General Purpose Lanes, **or**
 - **5B:** 8 General Purpose Lanes and one carpool lane in each direction

Alternative 6: Hybrid LPS (10 General Purpose Lanes plus a four-lane Freight Corridor)

*The No Build scenario analyzes conditions projected for the year 2035. Though it is called "No Build," this alternative does assume completion of those projects previously approved in local and regional transportation plans.



How will the alternatives be screened?

Over the past several months the technical team has been assessing the six alternatives against a set of screening criteria. The criteria reflect the project's goals and priorities. Only those alternatives (or components of alternatives—which may be mixed-and-matched) that effectively meet the screening criteria will be recommended for further study in the EIR/EIS.

The screening criteria include:

- Improving air quality and public health
- Improving mobility
- Improving traffic safety
- Minimizing right of way impacts
- Minimizing environmental impacts
- Promoting cost effectiveness

How can I provide input on the alternatives screening process?

Through the project's Community Participation Framework, the results of the screening analysis are being shared with Local, Community and Technical Advisory Committees and Subject Working Groups. These groups will provide feedback on the six alternatives. This input will be presented to the Project Committee, who will recommend which alternatives should be carried forward for further study in the EIR/EIS process.

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