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August 18, 2009

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Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325

Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

Dear Mr. Cohen:

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Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

Dear Ms. Brown:

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Division Chief  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW Room 6217  
Washington, DC 20230

Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

Dear Mr. Moore:

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Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance  
United States Department of the Interior, Jackson Center One  
1111 Jackson Street, Suite 520  
Oakland, CA 94607

Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

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Ernest Morales  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
Project Director  
One Gateway Plaza, MS 99-22-4  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

Dear Mr. Morales:

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Bruce McClendon  
Director of Planning  
Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning  
320 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

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Stephen R. Maguin  
Chief Engineer and General Manager  
Los Angeles County Sanitation Department  
1955 Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, California 90601

Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

Dear Mr. Maguin:

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Philip Law  
Corridors Program Manager  
Southern California Association of Governments  
818 W. Seventh Street, 12th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

Dear Mr. Law:

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Government and Regulatory Affairs Manager  
Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink)  
700 S. Flower Street, 26th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

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Los Angeles County Department of Public Health  
3530 Wilshire Boulevard, 8th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90010

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County of Los Angeles Fire Department  
Prevention Services Bureau  
1320 North Eastern Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90063

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Assistant City Manager  
City of Lynwood  
11330 Bullis Road  
Lynwood, CA 90262

Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

Dear Ms. Hempe:

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Sincerely,

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11330 Bullis Road  
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4305 Santa Fe Avenue  
Vernon, CA 90058

Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

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Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority  
One Civic Plaza, Suite 350  
Carson, CA 90745

Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

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