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Ms. Nicole Englund, Chief of Staff  
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Dear Ms. Englund:

**Gateway Cities COG Guiding Principles for the I-710 South Corridor**

Thank you for your partnership as Metro, Caltrans, and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) jointly work towards a new plan for the I-710 South Corridor.

As you are aware, in July 2021, the COG Board formed an I-710 Ad-Hoc Committee made up of fourteen members of the COG Board to focus on community engagement, equity, and effects on the 710 communities and return with recommendations regarding the future of the project.

At the Committee’s first meeting, in August 2021, the Committee agreed that they would like to develop both guiding principles and recommended early action programs/projects for the I-710 Corridor. In January 2022 the Committee finalized its guiding principles, and in February 2022, the COG Board adopted these principles for the subregion.

As I-710 corridor jurisdictions with entitlement responsibility for any street, active transportation or pedestrian improvement project recommended on city streets, we are pleased to formally transmit these guiding principles as the first step towards developing a comprehensive, sustainable community plan to help resolve I-710 mobility issues.

The principles were developed through a series of drafts, each of which was discussed in a public meeting of the Committee. At each of these meetings, public comment was accepted in advance of Committee discussion, and simultaneous Spanish translation was provided.

We anticipate that these guiding principles will be fully and duly considered by the Metro I-710 Task Force, including its subcommittees and working groups as appropriate, in the development of Vision and Goals for the I-710 Corridor.

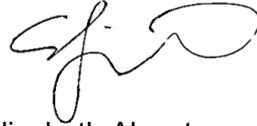
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Please direct any questions to Nancy Pfeffer, COG Executive Director, at 562-663-6850 or [nancy@gatewaycog.org](mailto:nancy@gatewaycog.org).

Sincerely,



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Mayor Pro Tem, City of Avalon



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Chair, I-710 Ad Hoc Committee  
Mayor, City of Cudahy

Enclosure: I-710 Guiding Principles, February 2022

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Countywide Planning & Development, Metro  
Gloria Roberts, Chief Deputy District Director, Caltrans District 7

**Gateway Cities COG  
I-710 Ad Hoc Committee  
Principles for the I-710 Corridor**

**Address the past harms created by the I-710 Freeway by improving conditions for those who live in and use the corridor, according to the following principles:**

**Process**

- A. Ensure community voices are incorporated into decision making about the corridor.
- B. Agencies with jurisdiction over different aspects or parts of the corridor – e.g., the I-710 freeway, arterial streets, LA River Channel, and utility corridors – need to collaborate and be accountable.

**Air Quality and Health**

- C. Improve air quality in communities along the I-710 Corridor.
- D. Reduce vehicle emissions, including from tires and brakes.
- E. Improve the overall health of corridor residents, including mental health.
- F. Make the I-710 corridor a national and state priority for deploying zero-emissions trucks, as well as personal vehicles.

**Safety**

- G. Make the freeway and other roads in the corridor safer for all users, whether they are in vehicles or not.
- H. Increase pedestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle safety by improving on- and off-ramps.
- I. Work with appropriate agencies to find safe places for people now living along the freeway.

**Mobility**

- J. Improve mobility by providing more transit and other multimodal travel options, including freight rail, to reduce congestion and bottlenecks.

**Community Experience & Aesthetics**

- K. No expansion of the freeway and no displacement of homes and businesses.
- L. Make the corridor more welcoming by engaging artists from the community and by adding native vegetation, which can also trap pollution.

- M. Enhance signage and way finding.
- N. Assist cities in addressing the impact of heavy vehicles on local streets and arterials.
- O. Improve pavement materials and maintenance.
- P. Ensure corridor communities, including smaller communities, receive benefits from moving goods in the corridor, not just impacts.

## **Economy**

- Q. Ensure corridor residents have access to job opportunities, including jobs that support families and pay living wages and jobs created in the efforts to improve the corridor.
- R. Improve economic health of the communities in the corridor, including responding to mobility needs and the need for affordable and low-income housing.
- S. Ensure sufficient equitable funding is provided to meet community goals in all cities, including smaller cities.
- T. Ensure support for small and local businesses.

## **To achieve these visionary principles, consider the following projects, programs, or policies:**

1. Build higher soundwalls to protect residents from air pollution, noise, and other impacts.
2. Conduct safety audit and targeted safety improvements.
3. Create Zero-Emission (ZE) Zone (encourage all vehicles traveling on the I-710 to be clean vehicles).
4. Install charging/fueling stations/ZE infrastructure at key locations throughout the corridor.
5. Support for regional transit program focused on supporting zero-car households, including community educational programs on transit use.
6. Propose and pass community stabilization policies that provide a holistic approach to support impacted communities, to include but not limited to community benefits and workforce agreements, inclusionary housing policies, locally owned business support, community land trusts.