

**Agenda Item #6:
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Ad-Hoc Committee Report**



GATEWAY CITIES
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

GCCOG I-710 Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

Presentation to Metro I-710 Task Force
August 8, 2022

I-710 South Corridor Ad Hoc Committee Formation

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- Spring 2021: LA Metro and Caltrans suspend further work to advance the I-710 South Corridor Project EIR/EIS
- July 7, 2021:
 - Special GCCOG Board Study Session on Highways
 - Motion approved to form an I-710 Ad Hoc Committee of 14 members to represent the interests of the Corridor and re-imagine project priorities for the Board to consider and support

I-710 South Corridor Ad Hoc Committee Members

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Chair, Elizabeth Alcantar, Cudahy
Vice Chair, Marisela Santana, Lynwood

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- **Committee process overview**
 - Virtual meetings twice a month – TOTAL 18 MEETINGS – plus Port of Long Beach tour
 - In-depth technical, history and multi-agency presentations
 - Invited public participation at several meetings to ensure transparency and secure input
 - Provided Spanish materials and simultaneous translation
- **Guiding Principles**
 - Adopted January 2022
 - Approved by COG Board February 2022
- **Early action project/program list**
 - Adopted May 2022
 - Approved by COG Board June 2022

I-710 South Corridor Ad-Hoc Guiding Principles

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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.

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- 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.
- U. Support economic development and local industries along the corridor.

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.

NOTE: These six items are included, with more detail, in the following table of Recommended Strategies, Projects, Programs, Policies.



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I-710 Ad Hoc Committee Summary of Recommended Strategies, Projects, Programs, Policies

#	Improvement	Summary Description	Guiding Principles Category	Responsible Agency for Approval / Implementation	Timeframe for Implementation*	Estimated Cost Range
A	Freeway Soundwalls Source: I-710 Ad Hoc Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build higher soundwalls to protect residents from air pollution, noise, and other impacts. This would encompass all walls along I-710 – beyond the I-710 Early Action Program walls - that are currently less than 16 feet high. 	Community Experience and Aesthetics	Caltrans Metro	5 – 15 Years, assuming phased implementation	\$85 M - \$125 M
B	Targeted Safety Improvement Program Source: I-710 Ad Hoc Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct safety audit and make targeted safety improvements on the freeway and arterial roadway network within the I-710 Corridor Study Area. Safety improvements would address all users of the roadway, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and trucks. 	Safety	Cities County of LA Caltrans / Metro	Program, 2 - 10 years over the life of the program	\$5M - \$10M per year for 10 years \$50 M - \$ 100 M over a 10-year period
C	Zero-Emission Travel Zone Source: I-710 Ad Hoc Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create Zero-Emission (ZE) Zone (encourage all vehicles traveling on the I-710 to be clean vehicles). Incentives should focus on communities and users of need. Work towards a clear requirement for ZE (trucks only) on I-710 in the long run. 	Air Quality and Health	US DOT (FHWA) & U.S. Dept. of Commerce, or EPA [regulatory] State of California (legislature & Caltrans or CARB [regulatory]) SQAQMD [regulatory] Cities, County, Ports if zone encompasses local roadways	2 – 10 years, to deliver program of education, incentives (subsidies) /disincentives 10 - 15 Years for law changes, studies of trip diversion, policy requirements and implementation	\$10 M - \$ 20 M per year for 10 years for incentive/subsidy funding as a pilot. Agency staff and consultant time up to \$500 K.
D	Zero-Emission Infrastructure Source: I-710 Zero Emissions Program, I-710 Ad Hoc Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install electric charging/hydrogen refueling stations at key locations throughout the I-710 Corridor (Pilot project: 1-3 sites of approximately 2 acres per site). Begin with a project definition and siting study. Explore additional options to add zero emissions infrastructure for all vehicles in the I-710 Corridor Study Area for mid-term and long-term development. 	Air Quality and Health	Cities, County of LA TBD	5 Years, assuming Pilot Project Greater than 5 Years for mid-term and long-term development	\$ 5 M - \$15 M
I	I-710 Zero Emission Truck Program Source: I-710 Draft Early Action Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsidy funding to deploy zero emissions trucks on I-710. Seed funding to develop electric charging/refueling stations for zero emissions trucks. <p>[Note: this Program is currently being refined through the I-710 Task Force and related Zero Emission Truck Working Group.]</p>	Air Quality and Health	Metro	Program, Timeframe TBD	\$50 M - \$X M Upper limit TBD dependent upon scope.
E	Regional Transit Program Source: I-710 Ad Hoc Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for regional transit program should focus on serving transit-dependent households. Provide new bus routes to establish better connections among the community shuttles and local circulators within the corridor, including Long Beach Transit (loop routes to promote intra-regional connectivity). Community education programs on transit use. 	Mobility	Metro Long Beach Transit City Shuttles (Bell La Campana, Bell Gardens Transit, Bellflower Bus, Commerce Municipal Bus Lines, Compton Renaissance, Cudahy Area Rapid Transit, Downey Link, East Los Angeles Shuttle, Huntington Park COMBI, Lynwood Breeze, South Gate GATE)	2 – 4 Years, assuming phased implementation	\$20 M - \$25 M per year \$400 M - \$500 M over a 20-year period
V	New Metro Micro Transit Improvement Zones in the I-710 Corridor Source: Metro, NextGen Bus Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of new Metro on-demand, flexible transit service for the northern section of the I-710 Study Area between Lynwood and Commerce. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rides can be booked online, by app, or by phone. Rides are prescheduled, same day/multiple days. Uses small capacity vans (seats 7-10 riders). Pick-up/drop-off where safe (virtual stops). Targeted maximum wait time is 15 minutes. 	Mobility	Metro	1 – 3 Years, Assuming phased implementation	\$10 M - \$12 M per year \$200 M - \$240 M over a 20-year period



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- Five pages of recommended strategies, projects, programs, and policies
- Twenty-four individual line items
- Comprehensive list including:
 - New ideas from Ad Hoc Committee members
 - COG-led Complete Streets Plans for intersecting arterials
 - Artesia
 - Atlantic
 - Florence
 - Imperial
 - Previously considered “early action” strategies
 - Metro NextGen transit initiatives (e.g. bus priority corridors)
 - Ongoing Measure R Local Early Action Program
- Timeline chart lists all elements of recommendation list

I-710 South Corridor Ad-Hoc Recommendations - Timeline

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Implementation Timeframe

I-710 Ad Hoc Committee Projects, Programs and Policies



Notes: For additional detail, please refer to the I-710 AHC Summary of Potential Projects, Programs and Policies (May 2022). Improvements for several projects and programs would be implemented in phases.

Legend: Guiding Principles

- Air Quality and Health
- Community Experience and Aesthetics
- Economy
- Mobility
- Safety



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> Report includes

- Potential timelines for implementation
- Link between projects/programs and Guiding Principles
- Estimated costs (approximate)
- Responsible lead agency/agencies
- Extensive, detailed PPT on funding opportunities for implementation
- List of presentations heard by the Ad Hoc Committee

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Local Jurisdictions

- B. Targeted Safety Improvement Program (Arterials Element)
- D. Zero-Emission Infrastructure (Pilot Project)
- F. Community Stabilization Policies
- L. Atlantic Avenue/Boulevard Corridor Complete Street (COG)
- M. Florence Avenue Corridor Complete Street (COG)
- O. Local Early Action Program
- P. COG I-710 Livability Initiative
- Q. “Complete Streets” Arterial Corridors (beyond projects already initiated or completed)
- X. Shoemaker Bridge / Shoreline Drive Re-Alignment (Long Beach)

I-710 AHC Recommendations – Lead Agency

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Metro

- I. I-710 Zero Emission Truck Program
- E. Regional Transit Program
- V. New Metro Micro Transit Improvement Zones in the I-710 Corridor
- W. New Metro Bus Priority Lane Corridors in the I-710 Corridor
- K. Integrated Corridor Management Project (Intelligent Transportation Systems)

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Caltrans (Slide 1 of 2)

- A. Freeway Soundwalls (with Metro)
- B. Targeted Safety Improvement Program (with Metro, Freeway Elements)
- G. Pedestrian/Bicycle-Only Crossings (with LA County Flood Control District)
- J. Early Action Soundwalls (Package 3) (with Metro)
- N. Freeway Safety & Operational Improvements (with Metro)

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Caltrans (Slide 2 of 2)

- R. Artesia & Atlantic Complete Street Corridor Nexus with I-710 - Study Area No. 1 (with LA County Flood Control District and affected cities)
- S. Imperial Complete Street Corridor Nexus with I-710 - Study Area No. 2 (with LA County Flood Control District and affected cities)
- T. Florence Complete Street Corridor Nexus with I-710 - Study Area No. 3 (with LA County Flood Control District and affected cities)
- U. Atlantic Complete Street Corridor Nexus with I-710 - Study Area No. 4 (with LA County Flood Control District and affected cities)

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Federal Agencies

C. Zero-Emission Travel Zone

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- SB 671 – Clean Freight Corridor Assessment (Gonzalez)
 - Additional recommendation of the AHC: Nomination of I-710
 - COG nomination
 - Regional multi-agency nomination
 - New deadline for project nominations: Sept. 1, 2022
- The list is not prioritized, but some projects can begin soon
- Not all projects/programs would be funded by Metro Measure funds

I-710 South Corridor Ad-Hoc Recommendations – Next Steps

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- Develop Advocacy Plan for use by COG Board members, staff, & other stakeholders
 - Present recommendations to Metro Task Force and Community Leadership Committee
 - Brief each City (Council Members & I-710 Technical Advisory Committee Members)

Thank you

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- Metro support for the COG Ad Hoc Committee effort:
 - Presentations to the Committee on the Metro 710 Task Force
 - Consultant support for the COG staff (AECOM, LSA)
 - Meeting facilitation and translation support (MBI Media)

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