



Date: July 21, 2017

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager 

Subject: I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS Public Release

Today, Caltrans and LA Metro released the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR)/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the I-710 Corridor Project. The Recirculated RDEIR/SDEIS provides a detailed, environmental analysis of the project alternatives under consideration for the I-710 Corridor. Attached is the public notice, a fact sheet summarizing the alternatives, and a document outlining the project approval timeline and process.

Release of these documents opens the 60-day public comment period. The documents are available for public review in hard-copy form at key libraries along the corridor (Main and Bret Harte libraries in Long Beach) and online via the Caltrans and LA Metro websites. Metro will conduct three public hearings along the corridor in Commerce (August 23), Paramount (August 26), and Long Beach (August 31). The hearing in Long Beach will take place at the Cesar E. Chavez Park Community Center, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

LA Metro will conduct briefings with Council members of impacted Council Districts (1, 2, 7, 8 and 9) and with City staff. The City Manager's Office is currently working with LA Metro to schedule the briefings.

Attachments

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REVISED PUBLIC NOTICE

Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS) Available for the Interstate 710 (I-710) Corridor Project Announcement of Public Hearings

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, the Southern California Association of Governments, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and the Interstate 5 Joint Powers Authority, are proposing to improve Interstate 710 (I-710) in Los Angeles County between Ocean Blvd. and State Route 60 (SR-60). Previously, a Draft EIR/EIS was released for public comment in 2012. Based on the comments received and new information, a new set of alternatives was developed and has been analyzed in the RDEIR/SDEIS. The alternatives studied in the RDEIR/SDEIS include Alternative 1 (No Build), Alternative 5C (Modernization of I-710 Freeway), and Alternative 7 (Modernization and Addition of a Clean-Emission Freight Corridor). All build alternatives proposed also include programmatic elements, including a zero emission/near zero emission truck deployment program, expanded transit services, and a community health benefit program.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the potential effects this project may have on the environment. The study that explains these findings is called a Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS) which has recently been approved for public circulation.

YOU ARE INVITED

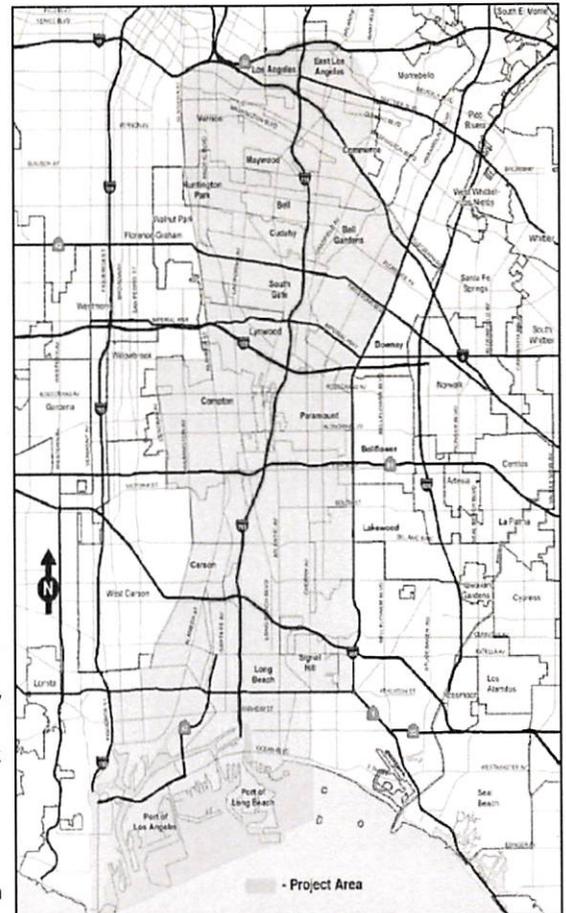
Public hearings will be held at the dates and locations provided below

- Wednesday, August 23, 2017 (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) – Commerce Senior Center, 2555 Commerce Way, Commerce CA 90040
- Saturday, August 26, 2017 (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) – Paramount Community Center/Senior Center, 14400 Paramount Blvd., Paramount CA 90723
- Thursday, August 31, 2017 (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) – Cesar E. Chavez Park Community Center, 401 Golden Ave., Long Beach CA 90802

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

Copies of the RDEIR/SDEIS are available for review at the following locations:

- Caltrans District 7 Office, 100 South Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 on weekdays from 9 am to 3 pm.
- Metro – Dorothy Peyton Grey Transportation Library, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Monday – Thursday 9 am to 4pm, or Friday by appointment.
- Gateway Cities Council of Governments, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723 on weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm.
- City of Commerce Public Library – Bristow Park Branch – 1466 S. McDonnell Ave., Commerce, CA 90040
- County of Los Angeles Public Library – Hollydale Library – 12000 S. Garfield Ave., South Gate, CA 90280



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- County of Los Angeles Public Library – East Rancho Dominguez Library – 4420 E. Rose St., E. Rancho Dominguez, CA 90221
- Long Beach Public Library – Main Library – 101 Pacific Ave., Long Beach, CA 90822
- Long Beach Public Library – Bret Harte Library – 1595 W. Willow St., Long Beach, CA 90810

Electronic versions of the RDEIR/SDEIS on digital media are available for review at public libraries throughout the I-710 Corridor. The RDEIR/SDEIS may also be viewed online at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d7/env-docs/>

WHERE YOU COME IN

Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? If you wish to make a comment on the RDEIR/SDEIS, you may submit your written comments until **Friday, September 22, 2017** to:

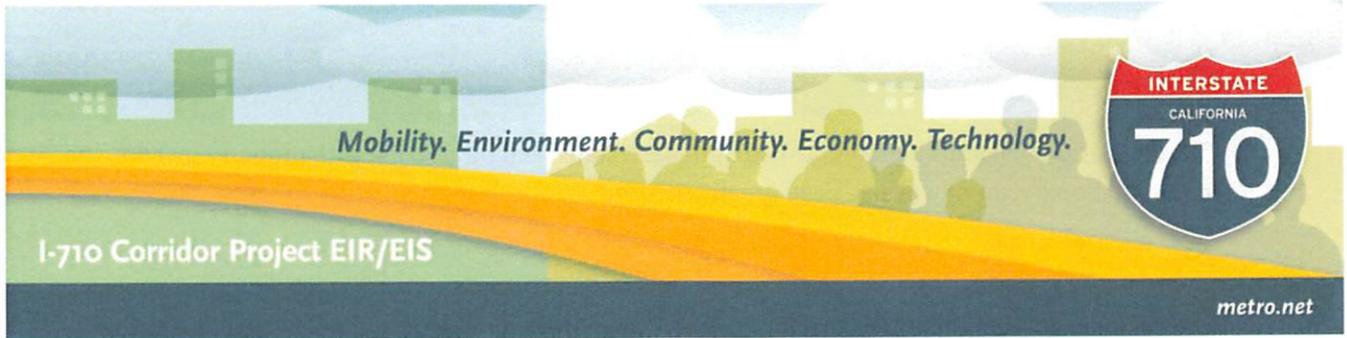
Ronald Kosinski
Caltrans District 7, Division of Environmental Planning
100 South Main Street, MS 16A
Los Angeles, CA 90012

or provide comments online at the web address above.

CONTACT/SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact Caltrans District 7, Attn: Jason Roach at (213) 897-0357 at least 21 days prior to the scheduled public hearings. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TTY line at 711.





I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT ALTERNATIVES FACT SHEET

Caltrans and Metro are preparing to release the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR)/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the I-710 Corridor Project in summer 2017. These draft environmental documents will be made available for public review and comment, and will provide detailed information and analysis on the project alternatives under consideration for the I-710 Corridor. Below is a brief summary of the key findings to be outlined in the draft environmental documents.

Project Alternatives

The draft environmental documents will analyze and evaluate the following project alternatives:

Alternative 1 No Build

Alternative 5C Re-Build I-710 to Add Capacity, Traffic Safety, and Operational Improvements

Alternative 7 Add “Clean Emission” Freight Corridor and Modernize the I-710 Freeway

“Clean Emissions” Freight Corridor

Alternative 7 includes a *mandatory* Zero- and Near Zero-Emissions (ZE/NZE) Freight Corridor. Only ZE/NZE trucks that meet strict emissions requirements would be allowed to use the Freight Corridor. For example, Near Zero-Emissions trucks would have 90% lower NO_x emissions than currently-certified trucks, consistent with the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s (SCAQMD) definition of Near-Zero emissions trucks. An option to Alternative 7 (ZE-Option) is also being examined which would allow only ZE Trucks in the Freight Corridor. Both Alternatives 5C and 7 include provisions to support the purchase of “clean emissions” trucks for use on the I-710 Freight Corridor (Alternative 7, 7-ZE) and on I-710 (Alternative 5C) as part of the project cost.

Right of Way Impacts

A new “Clean Emissions” Freight Corridor cannot be built for the I-710 Corridor with absolutely no right of way impacts. The physical space is simply not available within existing Caltrans right of way to fit a new structure dedicated exclusively to “clean emissions” trucks and still operate both I-710 and the Freight Corridor safely. The Freight Corridor requires four lanes – two lanes in each direction. It is possible to minimize right-of-way impacts by elevating sections of the Freight Corridor over I-710 and by sharing space with property owned by utility companies. Portions of I-710 can be rebuilt to make room

for Freight Corridor columns and ramps. Through these steps, and by working with property owners, the need for additional right of way has been greatly reduced.

Air Quality

One of the main goals of the I-710 Corridor Project is to improve air quality and public health. For this reason, Alternative 5C and Alternative 7 both include programmatic funding measures that would improve air quality for communities along I-710:

- Funding of a Community Health Benefits Grants Program
- Funding of facilities needed to support “clean emissions” trucks, such as electric charging stations and hydrogen refueling stations near I-710
- Funding of “clean emissions” trucks for use on I-710

Alternative 7 also includes a “Clean Emissions” Freight Corridor for use by Near Zero- and/or Zero-Emissions trucks only.

Job Training / Local Hire

By the time the I-710 Project reaches the construction stage, it will need to meet specific requirements for job training, work experience programs, targeted hire, and disadvantaged or small business participation. Large scale projects similar to the I-710 have achieved these requirements through the use of a legally binding document called a Project Labor Agreement. Project Labor Agreements are put into place prior to award of the construction contract to ensure that the terms and conditions are met by the prime contractor. However, the terms of the Project Labor Agreement depend upon project detail that is determined during the final design process, which occurs after a locally preferred alternative has been selected and after the environmental document has been approved and certified. For example, it is important to know what mix of funding has been programmed for the I-710 Project, since federal funding cannot be utilized the same way as local funds, for purposes of targeted hiring.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

As part of the I-710 Corridor Project, nearly all of the bridges that currently carry vehicles over or under I-710 will be replaced and rebuilt. Additional width and design treatments are being added to these structures to provide for the safe passage of pedestrians and bicyclists across I-710 and the Los Angeles River Channel. In some locations, new pedestrian and bicycle overcrossings are proposed and connections would be built to provide better access to existing and planned bicycle paths.

Transit Service

The I-710 Corridor Project includes transit improvements that would increase light rail service on the Blue Line and Green Line, as well as provide for a substantial increase in express bus, local bus, and community shuttle/local circulator service throughout the I-710 Corridor Project Study Area.

I-710 Project Approval Timeline and Process

SPRING 2017

SUMMER 2017

FALL 2017

WINTER 2018



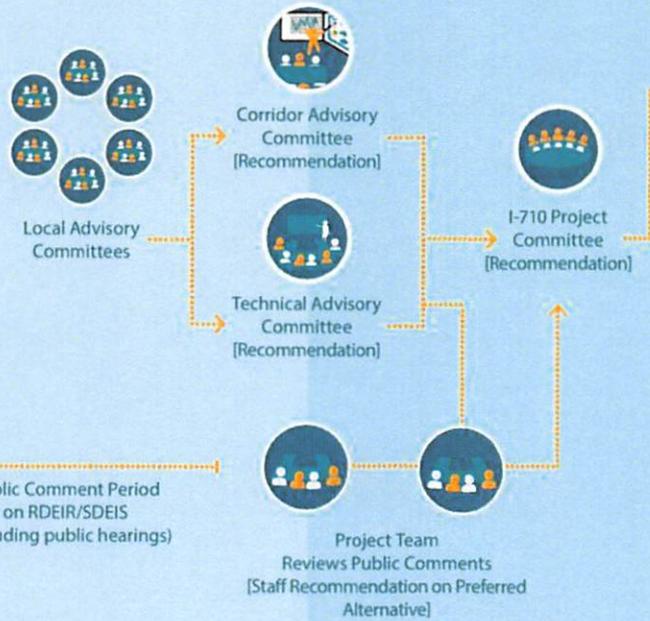
Complete Preparation of Draft Environmental Document (RDEIR/SDEIS) [Alternative 1, 5C, and 7, as amended by Motion 22.1]



Circulate RDEIR/SDEIS



Identify Preferred Alternative and Phasing



Executive Committee [Recommendation]



Initiate Preparation of Final EIR/EIS [Preferred Alternative and Initial Phase]

Milestone Decision
Alternative and Initial Phase to Carry into the Final EIR/EIS