

I-710 OVERSIGHT POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 24, 2001

6:00 p. m. Buffet

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Progress Park Plaza

(Map attached)

15500 Downey Avenue

Paramount, California

AGENDA

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The I-710 Oversight Policy Committee will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or an item of interest that is not on the agenda. The I-710 Oversight Policy Committee cannot take action on any item not scheduled on the agenda. These items may be referred for administrative action or scheduled on a future agenda. Comments are to be limited to three minutes for each speaker, unless extended by the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee, and each speaker will only have one opportunity to speak on any one topic. You have the opportunity to address the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee at the following times:

- A. AGENDA ITEM: at the time the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee considers the agenda item OR during Public Comments, and
- B. NON-AGENDA ITEMS: during Public Comments, comments will be received for a maximum 20-minute period; any additional requests will be heard following the completion of the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee agenda; and
- C. PUBLIC HEARINGS: at the time for public hearings.

Please keep your comments brief and complete a speaker card for the Chair.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - This is the time and place to change the order of the agenda, delete or add any agenda item(s).

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of the Minutes of September 13, 2000, and February 28, 2001

VII. REPORTS

- A. Report from Consensus Planning Group on the Public Outreach Plan
 - 1. Summary of Stakeholder Interviews and Discussion
 - 2. Preview of Informal VA Roundtables
- B. Recommendation to Proceed with the PEAR Version of the Environmental Process

VIII. MATTERS FROM THE I-710 OVERSIGHT POLICY COMMITTEE

IX. MATTERS FROM STAFF

X. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: New items will not be considered after 9:00 p.m. unless the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee votes to extend the time limit. Any items on the agenda that are not completed will be forwarded to the next regular I-710 Oversight Policy Committee meeting scheduled for (not determined).

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE COG OFFICE AT (562) 663-6850. NOTIFICATION 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING WILL ENABLE THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENT TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.

VII. REPORTS
Item A
Public Outreach Plan

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
I-710 OVERSIGHT POLICY COMMITTEE**

**A Meeting Held at Bateman Hall
11331 Ernestine Avenue
Lynwood, CA**

September 13, 2000

Chair De La Torre called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Hector De La Torre, South Gate; Co-Chair Frank Colonna, Long Beach; Co-Chair Ricardo Sanchez, Lynwood; Hugo Argumedo, Commerce; Keith McCarthy, Downey; Gene Daniels, Paramount; John R. Calhoun, Port of Long Beach; Steve Novotny, Caltrans; Ray Maekawa, MTA; Zahi Faranesh, SCAG.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Co-Chair Margarita Ruvalcaba, Maywood; George Cole, Bell; Pedro Aceituno, Bell Gardens; Marcine Shaw, Compton; Tom Jackson, Huntington Park; William Davis, Vernon.

ALSO PRESENT: Cudahy Vice Mayor Frank Gurule; South Gate Vice Mayor Bill De Witt; Gilbert Canizales, representing State Senator Betty Karnette; Helene Ansel, representing Assemblyman Alan Lowenthal; Bell City Engineer Carlos Alvarado; Commerce Administrative Analyst Fernando Mendoza; Cudahy City Clerk Larry Galvan; Joan Wood, MTA; Karin Hodin, MTA; Al Bowser, SCAG; GWCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GWCCOG General Counsel Robert Messinger; Don Camph, GWCCOG staff; Jack Joseph, GWCCOG staff; Vickey Gurule.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

South Gate Vice Mayor Bill De Witt led the pledge of allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Chair De La Torre introduced representatives from the offices of Senator Betty Karnette and Assemblymembers Alan Lowenthal and Bob Pacheco.

Co-Chair Sanchez expressed a welcome to the City of Lynwood and stated that the I-710 project was going somewhere now.

Co-Chair Colonna said that a historic vote will take place tonight finally bringing the I-710 Freeway into the 21st century.

South Gate Vice Mayor De Witt said that he had spent three and a half hours the previous week with the Highway Patrol examining the I-710 Freeway and saw a need for additional parking on the side of the freeway so that traffic is not impeded on the remaining lanes when there is an accident or automobile breakdown. He said there was a need for an area to park big rig trucks.

Chair De La Torre presented an overview of what the major corridor study will hope to attain. He said that recommendations for specific projects will not have to wait for completion of the entire study.

After discussion among the Committee members regarding participation by members of the Board of Supervisors, it was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Co-Chair Sanchez, to ask the COG's MTA representative to converse with the Board members to determine their desire with regard to participation with the Committee. Motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report outlining the milestones leading to the initiation of the Major Corridor Study. He said that credit had to be given to the entire State legislative delegation of the COG for achieving State funding for the study. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. Motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report summarizing the roles and responsibilities of the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Co-Chair Sanchez, to receive and file the report. Motion was approved unanimously.

COG Transportation Advisor Don Camph presented a Policy Paper on the project goals, objectives, and strategies, as well as key issues to be addressed. It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member McCarthy, to adopt the Policy Paper. Motion was approved unanimously.

Member Maekawa introduced Joan Wood as MTA's I-710 Project Manager. Ms. Wood presented a report outlining the MTA's consultant selection process. After responding to questions from the Committee regarding the scope of the project, she recommended that the Committee authorize continued negotiation with the highest ranking consultant, Parsons Brinckerhoff, and to proceed to execute a contract within the budgeted amount. It was moved by Co-Chair Colonna, seconded by Member Daniels, to approve the recommendation of the MTA Project Manager. Motion was approved unanimously.

Member McCarthy asked what elements of public and media relations will be needed as part of the Major Corridor Study. Ms. Wood responded that public outreach will be done by the consultant as part of the project.

There being no further business, the Chair announced that the next meeting of the Committee would take place after the consultant selection and contract execution process had taken place.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary