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I-710 Study: What We've Done

The I-710 Major Corridor Study is a two and a half-year study, initiated in February 2001, to seek ways to improve travel conditions along the I-710 Freeway and adjacent surface streets from the SR-60 Freeway to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Headed by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) along with Caltrans, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, representatives of the I-710 Study Team have spent the last several months meeting with local elected officials, community groups, and interested residents along this important corridor.

The information obtained through these meetings has been essential in developing a purpose and need statement for the I-710 Major Corridor Study. This statement will help identify the transportation alternative that best addresses the transportation problems and need for improvements in the long run. The purpose and need statement will also help determine which elements of the preferred alternative should be implemented as soon as possible.

I-710 Study: Where We Are Now

Based on planning and engineering technical work as well as input from interested parties, the I-710 Study team has developed an initial set of 12 alternative strategies for improving the travel conditions along the Long Beach Freeway Corridor.

Some of the proposed options could be implemented relatively soon. These options include added bus service, freeway ramp metering, and the use of advanced technologies to manage traffic and to inform motorists about better routes to avoid congestion. The mixing of car and truck traffic was a concern echoed in nearly every meeting the study team attended. To address this concern, some options under consideration include strategies intended to alleviate conflicts between trucks and cars.

Other alternatives to be considered attempt to find a more permanent, long-term solution to the serious problems facing the I-710 Freeway. Some of the long-range alternatives under consideration include: redesigning interchanges, building truck-only lanes, new carpool lanes, freeway widening, and the possibility of a new passenger rail line along the I-710.

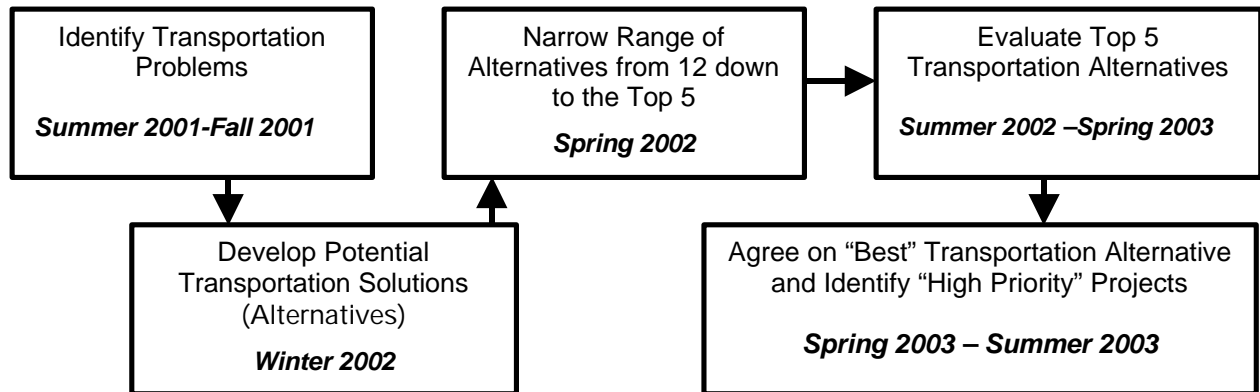
I-710 Study: Where We're Going

In June 2002, the Oversight Policy Committee (OPC), comprised of elected officials from participating cities and agency representatives, is scheduled to narrow the alternatives from 12 to five. The five best alternatives will then undergo a rigorous and technical evaluation and further public scrutiny. A preferred alternative and list of priority improvements based on public input and findings from the planning and engineering technical work is expected to be selected by Spring 2003. The information collected through meetings with various interested groups, residents and local officials, along with the accompanying technical analysis produced by the study, is important in narrowing down the alternatives and critical to obtaining the necessary funding and federal or state approvals for project implementation.

The Public's Role

The I-710 Study is divided into major work phases that result in a series of decision points. The study is designed to encourage public participation so that opinions from residents, business interests, community groups, and other project stakeholders are taken into account prior to these decision points.

I-710 Study – Major Work Phases



It is important that we hear from as many members of the public as possible as decisions are made throughout the two and a half-year study. Public comments and opinions will be collected using several different methods, including a project website, questionnaires, public open houses, and community presentations.

Project Contact Information

If you have questions or comments on the I-710 Study or if you would like to find out about upcoming opportunities to participate in the project, do contact us at:

Si tiene preguntas o comentarios acerca del Estudio del I-710, o si gustaría ser informado de mas oportunidades para participar en el proyecto, por favor comuníquese con nosotros:

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