

I-710 CORRIDOR

The I-710 Corridor is a vital transportation artery, linking the Los Angeles region and beyond to the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. Over the years, the I-710 has been overwhelmed with an increase in truck and auto traffic driven by economic and population growth, and it is expected that by the year 2025, the I-710 Corridor will experience demand greater than its capacity.

THE STUDY

A Major Study of the I-710 Corridor is being undertaken to analyze traffic congestion, as well as safety problems, and to develop multi-modal, timely, cost-effective transportation solutions from the Ports to State Route 60. This could include the expansion and reconstruction of the freeway.

The study is being funded by Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Caltrans, and the Gateway Council of Governments. To help guide the study and provide policy assistance, guidance and direction, an oversight policy committee (OPC) and Technical advisory Committee (TAC) were created.

THE FIVE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES

In December 2001, problems and issues related to the corridor were identified in the I-710 Major Corridor Study Purpose and Need Statement. Using this as the baseline for all future work, the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Oversight Policy Committee (OPC), with comments received from the public, adopted 12 Initial Alternatives in February 2002. In June 2002, after reviewing detailed technical analysis comparing the 12 strategies, as well as feedback from numerous community, business and environmental groups, the 12 Initial Alternatives were narrowed to 5 Screened Alternatives. These five are considered the top contenders to be selected by the study decision committees as the Locally Preferred Strategy (LPS) to guide future transportation improvements in the I-710 study area.

- **Alternative A:** This is the No Build alternative. No improvements beyond what is already funded and planned through 2025 will be considered. These improvements will be included in whichever alternative is selected.
- **Alternative B:** This alternative consists of operational improvements that would use improved technology to address the movement of goods, vehicles and public transit through the corridor using the existing freeway configuration
- **Alternative C:** This alternative is focused on improving safety and eliminating bottlenecks for all vehicle types, as well as managing the flow of heavy-duty trucks along the corridor by focusing improvements and widening on segments of I-710 as well as major streets used as alternate routes to I-710.
- **Alternative D:** This alternative focuses on improving safety and increasing freeway capacity by extensive widening of I-710 as well as the addition of carpool lanes as an improvement option.
- **Alternative E:** This alternative improves safety and addresses increasing truck traffic. It includes improvements that would largely separate cars and trucks, as well as improve travel times by constructing a separate roadway for trucks adjacent to I-710.

THE PUBLIC'S ROLE

The I-710 Major Corridor Study has been divided into major work phases, each ending with a decision on how to move forward. Public participation is welcome and encouraged at all stages. The next opportunity for feedback is at the upcoming public open houses to discuss the latest landmark: the five screened alternatives leading to the decision on selecting the preferred alternative. Participation of all interested community members, businesses, individuals, civic groups, and elected officials is essential to the study's success. We hope you can attend one of the following open houses (arrive anytime between 6:00 and 8:00 pm):

Monday April 28, 2003

Long Beach Main Library
101 Pacific Ave., Long Beach

Tuesday April 29, 2003

Bell Gardens Intermediate School
5841 Live Oak, Bell Gardens

Wednesday April 30, 2003

Humphreys Elementary School
500 S. Humphreys Ave., Los Angeles