



I-710 Ad Hoc Committee

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

November 15, 2021 from 5:00pm – 7:00 pm

Zoom Conference Info

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9Vg_avDjSu6CvHf2vjN_Rw

or Call: 669.900.6833 Meeting ID: 854 5663 4296

ACTION ITEMS

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| 1. Call to Order | Elizabeth Alcantar, Chair |
| 2. COG ED Staff Update | Nancy Pfeffer, GCCOG |
| 3. Report on Second Meeting of Metro I-710 Corridor Task Force | Attending Committee Members |
| 4. Principles Discussion: Presentation by staff <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attachment: Staff Report | Nancy Pfeffer, GCCOG |
| 5. Principles Discussion: Public Comment | Elizabeth Alcantar, Chair |
| 6. Principles Discussion: Committee | Elizabeth Alcantar, Chair
Marisela Santana, Vice Chair
All |
| 7. Timeline of AHC Charter <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attachment: Staff Report | Nancy Pfeffer, GCCOG |
| 8. Recap & Discussion of Next Meeting | Elizabeth Alcantar, Chair |

ITEM 4

Principles Discussion:

Presentation by staff

Attachment: Staff Report

TO: I-710 Ad Hoc Committee

FROM: Nancy Pfeffer, Executive Director

SUBJECT: First Draft I-710 Ad Hoc Committee Guiding Principles, November 2021

Background

On July 7, 2021, the COG Board took the following action:

To form an I-710 Ad-Hoc Committee made up of fourteen members of the COG Board (less than a quorum) that can focus on community engagement, equity, and effects on the 710 communities and return with recommendations regarding the future of highway projects in the Gateway Cities, including potential use of Metro's new CBO partnering strategy; and request preliminary recommendations at 4 months, final recommendations at 6 months.

At the Committee's first meeting, August 2, 2021, the Committee agreed that they would like to accomplish both guiding principles and recommended early action programs/projects for the I-710 Corridor.

Issue

At the Committee's November 1, 2021, meeting, the members engaged in an exercise focused on their:

- Roles in the corridor
- Concerns for the corridor
- Aspirations for the corridor.

This exercise generated three word clouds representing the input provided by Committee members.

Based on these word clouds and the committee discussion, available at this [link](#), staff has drafted the attached first draft of potential guiding principles for the Committee's consideration. This will be the first time the Committee has seen these draft principles.

Recommendation

Consider the draft principles, accept public comment, and conduct discussion.

Attachments

- Word clouds from Committee meeting of November 1, 2021 – English
- Word clouds from Committee meeting of November 1, 2021 – Spanish translation
- First draft Ad Hoc Committee principles for 710 Corridor – English
- First draft Ad Hoc Committee principles for 710 Corridor – Spanish translation

My aspirations for the corridor



Mis aspiraciones para el corredor



FIRST DRAFT

Gateway Cities COG I-710 Ad Hoc Committee Principles for the I-710 Corridor

- A. Improve air quality in communities by reducing vehicle emissions and building higher soundwalls.
- B. Reduce impacts to the health of corridor residents, including asthma and mental health.
- C. Make the freeway and other roads in the corridor safer for all users, whether they are in vehicles or not.
- D. Improve on- and off-ramps by increasing vehicle safety and reducing use by unhoused people.
- E. Make the corridor more attractive by adding native vegetation and installing public art. Vegetation can also trap pollution.
- F. Avoid displacing homes and businesses.
- G. Avoid expansion or extra freeway lanes because this would take up land that could be used for housing, parks, or transit.
- H. Improve mobility by reducing congestion and bottlenecks, and by providing more transit and other travel options.
- I. Ensure corridor residents have access to job opportunities, including jobs that support families and pay living wages and jobs related to improving the corridor.
- J. Ensure corridor communities receive benefits from moving goods in the corridor, not just impacts.
- K. Consider economic health of the communities in the corridor, including the impacts of time wasted in inefficient travel and the need for affordable housing.
- L. Agencies with jurisdiction over different aspects or parts of the corridor need to collaborate and be accountable.
- M. Consider how corridor improvement efforts are funded, and ensure sufficient funding is provided to meet community goals.
- N. Ensure community voices are heard in decision making about the corridor.
- O. Make the 710 corridor a national and state priority for deploying zero-emissions trucks.

PRIMER BORRADOR

COG de Gateway Cities Comité Ad Hoc del I-710 Principios para el corredor I-710

- A. Mejorar la calidad del aire en las comunidades reduciendo las emisiones de vehículos y construyendo muros acústicos más altos.
- B. Reducir los impactos de la salud de residentes del corredor, incluyendo el asma y la salud mental.
- C. Hacer que la autopista y otras carreteras del corredor sean más seguras para todos los usuarios, tanto si van en vehículo o no.
- D. Mejorar las rampas de entrada y salida aumentando la seguridad de los vehículos y reduciendo el uso de las personas sin hogar.
- E. Hacer el corredor más atractivo añadiendo vegetación nativa e instalando arte público. La vegetación también puede atrapar la contaminación.
- F. Evitar el desplazamiento de viviendas y negocios.
- G. Evitar la ampliación o los carriles adicionales de la autopista porque esto ocuparía un terreno que podría utilizarse para viviendas, parques o transporte público.
- H. Mejorar la movilidad reduciendo la congestión y los cuellos de botella, y proporcionando más tránsito y otras opciones de viaje.
- I. Garantizar que los residentes del corredor tengan acceso a oportunidades de trabajo, incluyendo trabajos que apoyen a las familias y paguen salarios dignos y trabajos relacionados con mejorar el corredor.
- J. Garantizar que las comunidades del corredor reciban los beneficios de la circulación de mercancías en el corredor, y no sólo los impactos.
- K. Considerar la salud económica de las comunidades del corredor, incluyendo los impactos del tiempo perdido en viajes ineficientes y la necesidad de viviendas asequibles.
- L. Los organismos con jurisdicción sobre diferentes aspectos o partes del corredor deben colaborar y ser responsables.
- M. Considerar cómo se financian los esfuerzos de mejora del corredor y asegurar que se proporcionan fondos suficientes para cumplir los objetivos de la comunidad.

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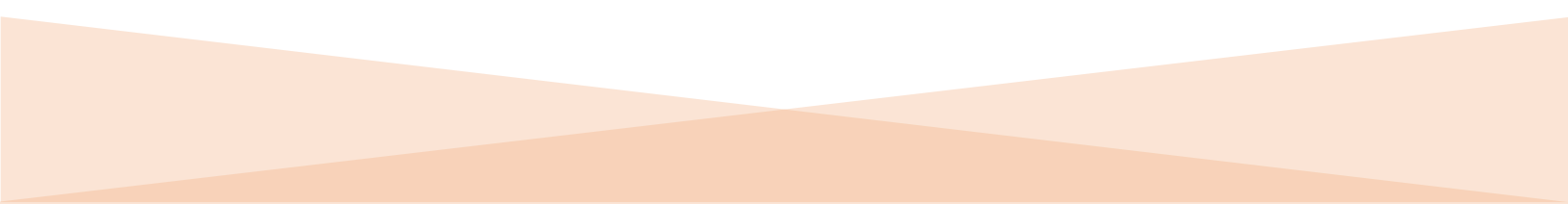
N. Garantizar que las voces de la comunidad sean escuchadas en la toma de decisiones sobre el corredor.

O. Hacer del corredor 710 una prioridad nacional y estatal para el despliegue de camiones de cero emisiones.

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ITEM 7

Timeline of AHC Charter
Attachment: Staff Report



TO: I-710 Ad Hoc Committee

FROM: Nancy Pfeffer, Executive Director

SUBJECT: I-710 Ad Hoc Committee Timeline, November 2021

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Issue

At the Committee's first meeting, August 2, 2021, the Committee agreed that they would like to accomplish both guiding principles and recommended early action programs/projects for the I-710 Corridor.

The Committee's charter calls for preliminary recommendations back to the COG Board as of early December, and final recommendations as of early February.

The Committee has made great progress and is ready to discuss guiding principles, but does not have final principles to report back to the Board.

Also, several members of the Committee serve on Metro's I-710 Task Force. The Metro group includes a broad range of stakeholders including community-based and environmental organizations, freight industry representatives, and partner agencies. The Task Force does not meet as often as the Ad Hoc Committee and may not conclude its work until mid-2022.

Given the complex issues in the corridor and potential funding opportunities, similar to the state zero emission truck program, the Committee may wish to ask the COG Board for additional time to aim for completing its work. With four additional months, for example, the Committee could report back to the Board by (or before) early February on its principles, and by early June on recommended early action programs/projects.

Recommendation

Staff's recommendation is that the Ad Hoc Committee ask the COG Board at its December 1 meeting to allow four more months for the Committee to conduct its work.