

Gateway Cities COG I-710 Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
Summary of Meeting No. 1 – August 2, 2021

Committee Member Attendees:

Ali Saleh (Bell)
Maria Pulido (Bell Gardens)
Oralia Rebollo (Commerce)
Elizabeth Alcantar (Cudahy)
Martin Reyes (LA County, District 1)
Lilly O'Brien (LA County, District 2)
Luke Klipp (LA County, District 4)
Marisela Santana (Lynwood)
Heber Marquez (Maywood)
Vilma Cuellar Stallings (Paramount)
Sharon Weissman (POLB)
Maria Davila (South Gate)

1. Purpose of Ad Hoc Committee

Nancy Pfeffer, Gateway Cities COG Executive Director, read the motion from the COG Board which formed the I-710 Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) and defined its purpose:

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 the project including potential use of Metro's new CBO partnering strategy; and request preliminary recommendations at 4 months, final recommendations at 6 months.

2. Conduct of Ad Hoc Committee and Future Meeting Schedule

- Elizabeth Alcantar was appointed to serve as Chair for the I-710 Ad Hoc Committee.
- Marisela Santana was appointed to serve as Vice-Chair for the I-710 Ad Hoc Committee.

Nancy Pfeffer read the first paragraph from a joint statement of commitment and support signed by Supervisor Hilda Solis (Metro Board Chair), Supervisor Janice Hahn (Metro Board Member), Supervisor Holly Mitchell (Metro Board Member), and Fernando Dutra (Metro Board Member).

Each of us appreciates the commitment you are making of your time and wisdom to navigate the complex layers of issues surrounding the path forward to address the I-710 Corridor South. The health, safety, and mobility of these communities are directly affected by the presence of a 60-year-old interstate highway that serves many purposes. After years of applied expertise and public engagement within a framework of emerging values, we acknowledge that a time of reconciling priorities is before us as responsible board members. We want to jointly thank you for stepping up to serve as a member of

the Gateway Cities COG's I-710 Ad Hoc Committee. We applaud the COG Board of Directors for establishing the Ad Hoc Committee and for their action to join with Metro in securing state and federal funding to deploy zero emission trucks for operation in the Corridor.

Per the request of the Committee, Ivy Tsai, GCCOG Counsel, provided a legal description of an Ad Hoc Committee and how that differs from a public body that is subject to the Brown Act. While the I-710 Ad Hoc Committee is not subject to the noticing and public requirements of the Brown Act, several members expressed the need for public transparency of the work of the Committee and at the same time retain the flexibility and characteristics of an ad hoc committee, which is essentially a study working group that will be making recommendations to the COG Board. After much discussion, which was facilitated by Elizabeth Alcantar, Committee Chair, the Committee agreed to:

- Make the Ad Hoc Committee meetings visible to the public through the virtual meeting platform so that the public can observe the workings of the Committee.
- Notification of any interested members of the public will occur through the individual Ad Hoc Committee members.
- Nancy Pfeffer, Executive Director, will provide regular, monthly status reports on the Ad Hoc Committee's activities to the COG Board. It will be a standing agenda item at the monthly COG Board Meetings. The public will be able to make their public comments at the COG Board Meetings, which is a Brown Act public body.
- Certain Ad Hoc Committee meetings will include the opportunity for public comment. Each of these meetings will be determined on a case by case basis at the prior meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee.

The Ad Hoc Committee will follow no set schedule as meeting frequency will be determined based on the topics and work activities of the Committee. Nancy Pfeffer ascertained that the Committee Members were generally available the first and third Monday of each month, from 5 to 7 PM.

3. Discussion of Opportunities for Community Based Organization (CBO) Involvement

Nancy Pfeffer provided a brief description of Metro's CBO framework, which is still in development but nearing implementation. This framework is an option that is available as a tool for the Committee and it can be arranged as a discussion topic at one of the upcoming Ad Hoc Committee meetings. Nancy Pfeffer also explained that Metro will be forming an advisory committee for re-envisioning the I-710 Corridor that will be comprised of a broad-based group of stakeholders. Metro's advisory committee will be structured along the same lines as the committee that advised the development of Metro's Goods Movement Strategic Plan. Metro's advisory committee will work in parallel to the I-710 Ad Hoc Advisory Committee and Ad Hoc Committee members will be invited to participate which allow a point of interface between the two committees.

Nancy Pfeffer polled the Committee as to additional ideas:

- It was recommended that the Ad Hoc Committee set aside a meeting(s) to invite presentations from Community Based Organizations (CBOs) on key topics. These could be groups such as Coalition for

Environmental Health and Justice (CEHAJ) and East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice (EYCEJ).

4. Next Steps and Ultimate Goals for Recommendations to Governing Board

Nancy Pfeffer reviewed some of the potential topics for upcoming Ad Hoc Committee agendas.

Meeting No. 2

- Review Committee Goals
- History on I-710 and Community Participation Frameworks
- COG Strategic Transportation Plan travel demand forecasting modeling tool
- CBO/Community Engagement Discussion

Meeting No. 3

- Review Committee Goals
- Presentation on Early Action Program projects for I-710 that have been considered to date
- Presentation on previously studied strategies

Meeting No. 4

- Review Committee Goals
- Presentation on heavy duty truck technologies, status, and options
- Briefing on the I-710 ICM Project

Nancy Pfeffer polled the Committee and asked them if they wanted to aim to develop recommendations for guiding principles or a slate of early action projects or both during the six-month tenure of the Committee?

- The Committee agreed that they would like to accomplish both guiding principles and recommended early action programs/projects for the I-710 Corridor.

5. Identify additional experts the Committee would like to meet with or info the Committee needs

Nancy Pfeffer asked the Committee what experts they would like to hear from. In addition to those previously noted, the Committee Members suggested the following topics and presentations:

- Metro Staff (previous I-710 study efforts, Early Action Program candidates)
- Port of Long Beach Staff (Port plans for roadway and freight rail projects, environmental plans, projections for I-710)
- Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority Staff (freight rail)
- Southeast Los Angeles Collaborative (SELA)
- Community-Based Organizations
- South Coast Air Quality Management District Staff
- Health Experts (air quality)
- Trucking Companies, Truck Driver Interests (ask them about alternative fuels, what works and doesn't work)
- Building Trades (work force development)

6. Recap and Plan for Next Meeting

Nancy Pfeffer briefly reviewed the topics that were discussed at the meeting. Meeting No. 2 of the Ad Hoc Committee will be held Monday, August 16, 5 PM – 7 PM.