



City of Long Beach
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Office of Councilmember Steven Neal
Councilmember, 9th District

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To: Honorable Mayor Bob Foster and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Steven Neal, Ninth District *SN*
Councilmember James Johnson, Seventh District *JJ*
Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District *al*

Subject: "Supporting the Completion of the I-710 Freeway Extension"

Recommendation: Request City Attorney to draft a resolution in support of the "The Completion of the I-710 Freeway Extension."

Background: The Long Beach Freeway (I-710) is a vital transportation artery, linking the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to major Southern California distribution centers and intermodal rail facilities. An essential component of the regional, statewide and national transportation system, it serves both passenger and goods movement vehicles.

As a result of population growth, increased cargo container volume at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, increasing traffic volumes, and an aging infrastructure, the I-710 Freeway experiences serious congestion and safety issues.

There is no North/South freeway to connect the I-10, the I-210, and the SR 110 where 20% of the entire population of the Los Angeles County lives. The I-710 extension is a critical part of the freeway system and the last gap to be closed in the Los Angeles County.

This resolution will demonstrate that the City Council of the City of Long Beach, California supports completion of closing the 4.5-mile gap in the Interstate 710 Freeway corridor.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
SUPPORTING THE COMPLETION OF THE 710 FREEWAY**

***WHEREAS**, the Long Beach I-710 Freeway serves as a major north-south link in the Los Angeles County transportation network; and,*

***WHEREAS**, over the past forty (40) plus years, alternatives have been proposed and evaluated to complete the 710 Freeway and close the 4.5 mile gap in the corridor; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Long Beach I-710 Freeway is a vital transportation artery, linking the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to major Southern California distribution centers and intermodal rail facilities; and*

***WHEREAS**, the I-710 Freeway is an essential component of the regional, statewide and national transportation system, it serves both passenger and goods movement vehicles.*

***WHEREAS**, there is no North/South freeway to connect the I-10, the I-210, and the SR 110 where 20% of the entire population of the Los Angeles County lives.*

***WHEREAS**, the I-710 extension is a critical part of the freeway system and the last gap to be closed in the Los Angeles County.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Long Beach, California supports the completion of closing the 4.5-mile gap in the Interstate 710 Freeway corridor.*