




Date: October 15, 2004
To: The Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
From: Tonia Reyes Uranga, Chair, I-710 Oversight Committee
Subject: **Request by Gateway Cities COG for City Resolution Regarding the I-710 Major Corridor Study Design Concept and Community Recommendations**

On October 28, 2004, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (Gateway COG) I-710 Oversight Policy Committee (OPC) will be in a position to act on recommendations of their Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Corridorwide Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Tier 2. The Gateway COG is requesting all cities along the I-710 Corridor to forward its City's position regarding the I-710 Major Corridor Study. Specifically they are requesting that each City adopt a resolution which forwards the recommendations of each community, and forwards support for the Tier 2 CAC Report. They are also requesting that each City Council articulate any specific issues that they believe require particular attention during the environmental phase of the project.

Tier One Community Advisory Committees in cities within the corridor have been developing locally preferred strategies for their communities without the full engagement of their City Councils. Unlike other cities, the City of Long Beach developed its strategy with the City Council through the I-710 Oversight Committee, which served as our Tier One CAC. On June 22, 2004, the Long Beach City Council took an action approving and concurring with the recommendations of the I-710 Oversight Committee incorporating the community recommendations and a systems approach. The approved Long Beach locally preferred strategy was forwarded to the I-710 OPC for incorporation into the corridorwide strategy. Both the physical improvements and the community's recommendations have been incorporated into the corridorwide strategy as well as the Tier 2 report, so technically, this action could be somewhat redundant. However, in keeping with the spirit of full community participation in Long Beach, both the I-710 Oversight Committee and the community should have an opportunity to review the final products of the regional TAC and Tier II Committees before the City Council officially approves these documents.

It is therefore recommended that the matter of adopting a resolution regarding the I-710 Major Corridor Study be referred to the I-710 Oversight Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
I-710 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE



Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga, Chair