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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 17, 2005

**SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON THE PROPOSED I-710 EIR/EIS PROJECT  
GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND FUNDING PLAN**

**ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE**

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file this report on the status of the proposed I-710 EIR/EIS Project Governance Structure and funding plan.

ISSUE

On January 27, 2005, the Board approved a motion regarding the I-710 Major Corridor Study that directed the CEO, with the assistance of our state and federal advocates, to work with the appropriate governmental and non-governmental agencies to form a multi-jurisdictional entity to coordinate the appropriate aspects of the project, including identification of a funding plan with funding sources from multiple partners; and upon formation, the multi-jurisdictional partnership be tasked with identifying strategies for achieving near-term improvements to the Corridor's air quality and that the strategies be identified prior to initiation of the EIR/EIS request for proposals. This report provides a status report on the Board directive regarding the Governance Structure and funding plan

DISCUSSION

Governance Structure

The I-710 Project Governance Structure has been developed in close coordination with Caltrans, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, SCAG, and Metro staff.

The Project Governance Structure has three standing committees that are responsible for coordinating and guiding I-710 Corridor improvements (See Attachment A). These committees are; (1) the I-710 Project Steering Committee, (2) the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Advisory Committee, and (3) a Technical Advisory Committee.

The I-710 Project Steering Committee is charged with providing overall direction and policy guidance to the I-710 Corridor improvement project. This charge not only includes the EIR/EIS but also other issues that are critical to the improvement of the I-710 Freeway

Corridor. The Steering Committee member agencies will be asked to send representatives from their respective Boards/Commissions.

The I-710 EIR/EIS Project Advisory Committee is essentially the same composition as the former I-710 Oversight Policy Committee. The Project Advisory Committee will work in coordination with the Technical Advisory Committee to provide policy assistance, guidance and direction.

The Project Governance Structure also contains a Community Input and Public Participation component to ensure that the community is an active project participant. The Project Advisory Committee will establish one or more community advisory committees to provide community input to the environmental phase of the I-710 Corridor improvement program.

To help the Project Steering Committee with specialized expertise, a Goods Movement Strategy Advisory Group is proposed. This resource group will be on call for advice and assistance on legislative, regulatory, funding and other specialized issues. Membership will include state and federal legislators, air quality experts, rail, trucking, and shipping business interests, etc. The composition may vary depending upon the issue being addressed.

### Funding Plan

Metro staff, with the help of multi-jurisdictional governmental agencies, has developed a funding plan consisting of multiple partners (See Attachment B). These include: the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, Metro, SCAG, Caltrans, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, and the federal government. Metro Community Relations and Governmental Affairs have helped to develop the Plan. Some letters requesting funding have already been sent and others will follow shortly.

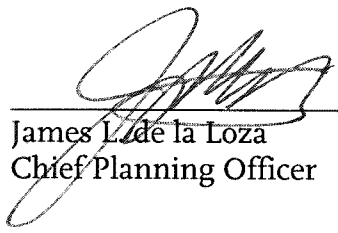
### NEXT STEPS

Staff in cooperation with GCCOG, SCAG, and Caltrans is in the process of identifying the membership for the I-710 Project Steering Committee. Upon formation, the Project Steering Committee will be tasked with identifying near-term air quality strategies, reviewing the I-5/I-710 Mini-Study, helping to implement a funding plan, as well as providing overall guidance to the I-710 environmental study.

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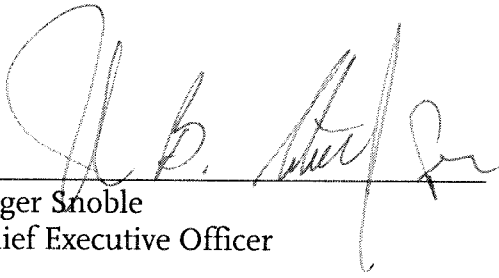
ATTACHMENTS

- A. I-710 Project Governance Structure Chart
- B. I-710 Corridor EIR/EIS Funding Plan



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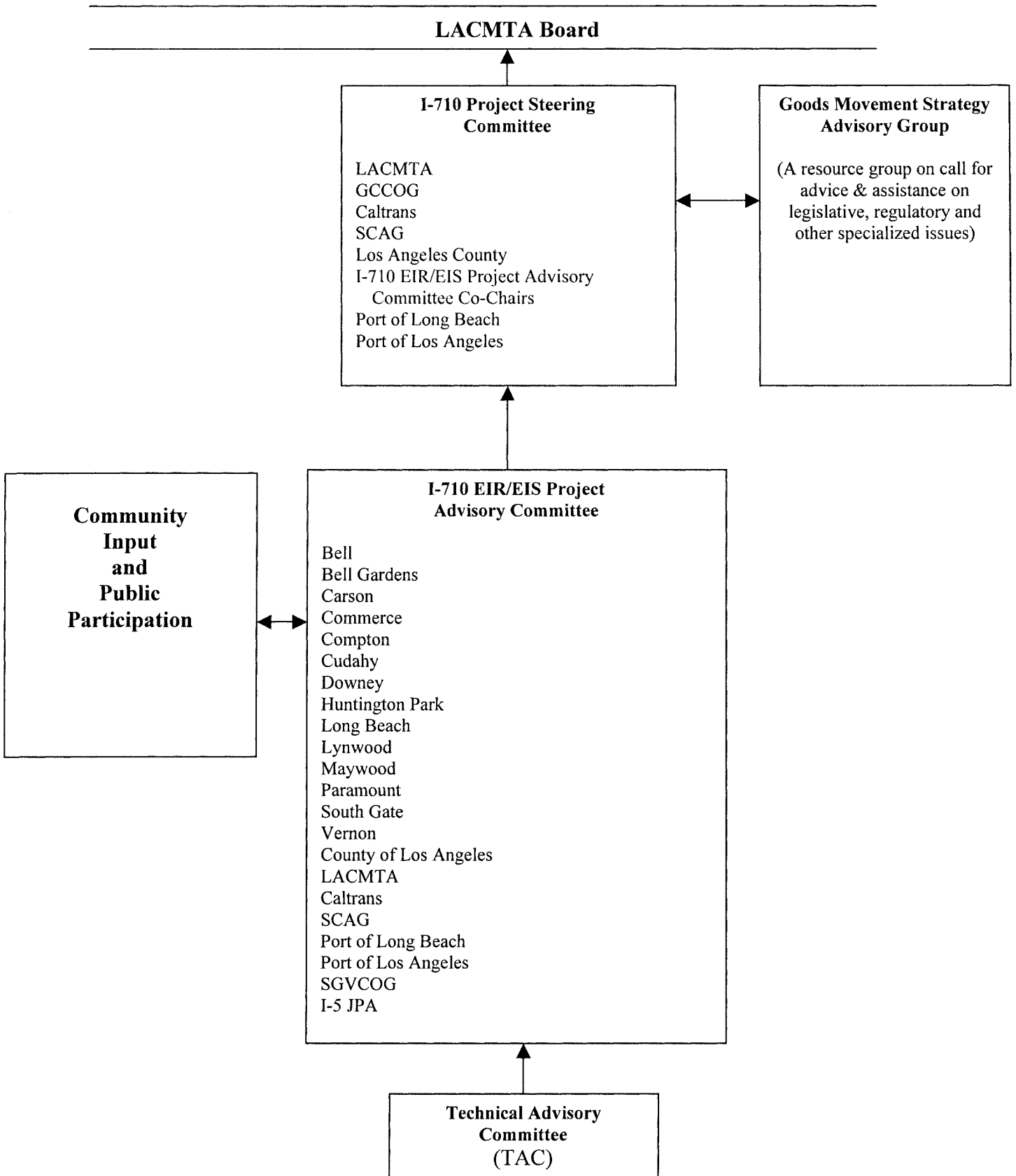


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# ATTACHMENT A

## Proposed I-710 Project Governance Structure



ATTACHMENT B

I-710 CORRIDOR FIR/EIS FUNDING PLAN

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Contribution Share</u>	<u>Agency Responsibility</u>
Metro	\$5.0 million	CTPA & Project Manager - FIR/EIS
CALTRANS	\$5.0 million	Freeway Owner/Operator
SCAG	\$5.0 million	Regional Planning Agency
COG	\$1.0 million	Local jurisdictions adjacent to Freeway
Port of Los Angeles	\$5.0 million	Key source of truck traffic
Port of Long Beach	\$5.0 million	Key source of truck traffic
FHWA Reauthorization Request	\$4.0 million	Project of National Significance
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$30 million</u></b>	