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September 8, 2008

Mr. Ron Kosinski
Deputy District Director
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Dear Mr. Kosinski:

In response to your letter dated August 15, 2008 inviting the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority to be a Participating Agency with other regional and local agencies on the I-710 Corridor Project, ACTA looks forward to actively participating along with other agencies in the development of the environmental documents and preliminary engineering for this vitally needed transportation project. It is our understanding that we will not be requested to provide funds to conduct the necessary studies and each agency involved in the process will be responsible for their own staff time.

Sincerely


Arthur B. Goodwin
Director of Planning

Copy to: Mr. Garrett Damrath, Caltrans District 7



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Mr. Ron Kosinski *RK*
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Attention: Garrett Damrath

Subject: Invitation to Become a Cooperating and/or Participating Agency on the I-710
Corridor Project, Los Angeles County, California

Dear Mr. Kosinski:

We received your letter dated August 15, 2008, requesting our participation as a cooperating and/or participating agency for the proposed I-710 Corridor Project. At this time we are unable to act as a cooperating agency in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the project due to workload constraints.

However, we will continue to provide technical assistance as a participating agency under Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the transportation planning process and look forward to our continued coordination in these matters.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Sally Brown of this office at (760) 431-9440, extension 278.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Goebel (607)

Karen A. Goebel
Assistant Field Supervisor

cc:

Stephanic Hall, Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles, CA
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Dear Mr. Kosinski:

REQUEST TO BE A PARTICIPATING AGENCY

We are in receipt of your August 15, 2008 letter requesting that the City of Lynwood be a participating agency. Because of the proximity and the importance of the I-710 Freeway to the City of Lynwood, the City of Lynwood and the Lynwood Redevelopment Agency request that both entities be designated as participating agencies.

Should you have any question please do not hesitate to contact Lorry Hempe, Assistant City Manager at 310-603-0220, ext. 200. We will be responding in a separate letter to the "Notice of Preparation for a Draft EIR/EIS for the I-710 Freeway".

Sincerely,

Roger Haley
City Manager

Cc: Dan Ojeda, Director of Public Works
Garrett Damrath, Caltrans



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August 27, 2008

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RE: INVITATION TO BECOME A PARTICIPATING AGENCY ON THE I-710 CORRIDOR PROJECT

Dear Mr. Kosinski:

The City of Vernon is in receipt of your letter dated August 15, 2008 inviting the City of Vernon to become a participating agency on the I-710 Corridor project.

The City of Vernon certainly has an interest in the project and has been monitoring the progress of the project as it has moved through its conceptual stages.

Please be advised that the City of Vernon wishes to be designated a participating agency for the Interstate 710 (I-710) Corridor project. I will serve as the primary contact for the City of Vernon for this project.

If you have any questions you may contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Samuel Kevin Wilson, P.E.
Director of Community Services & Water

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August 28, 2008

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REFER TO FILE: PD-1

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Dear Mr. Kosinski:


INTERSTATE 710 FROM OCEAN BOULEVARD TO STATE ROUTE 60 INVITATION TO BECOME A PARTICIPATING AGENCY ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Thank you for your recent letter requesting our participation in the development of an Environmental Impact Statement for the subject project. We are pleased to accept your invitation and look forward to working with your staff on this project.

Mr. Maged El-Rabaa of my staff will be available to assist with coordinating any issues related to this project within the Department of Public Works. You may contact Mr. El-Rabaa at (626) 458-3943, or by e-mail at melrabaa@dpw.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,

DEAN D. EFSTATHIOU
Acting Director of Public Works


PATRICK V. DeCHELLIS
Deputy Director

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cc: Supervisor Gloria Molina (Englund)



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



Bruce W. McClendon FAICP
Director of Planning

September 9, 2008

Ronald Kosinski *RK*
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Dear Mr. Kosinski:

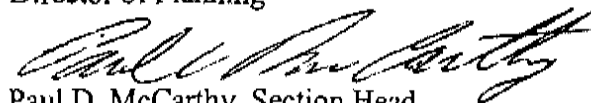
SUBJECT: INTERSTATE 710 CORRIDOR PROJECT

This is to advise that the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning accepts your invitation to become a Participating Agency on the Interstate 710 Corridor Project.

We look forward to participating in coordination meetings and joint field reviews and reviewing and commenting on both the pre-Draft and pre-Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself or Anthony Curzi of my staff at (213) 974-6461. Our office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. We are closed on Fridays.

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
Bruce W. McClendon, FAICP
Director of Planning


Paul D. McCarthy, Section Head
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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September 15, 2008

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Dear Mr. Kosinski:

We are writing in response to your August 15, 2008 letter inviting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to become a Participating and Cooperating Agency for the I-710 Corridor Project (I-710), Los Angeles County, California. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The State of California has assumed responsibilities under NEPA for this project pursuant to the *Memorandum of Understanding Between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Caltrans Concerning the State of California's Participation in the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Pilot Program*.

EPA accepts Caltrans' invitation to become a "Participating Agency" (as defined in 23 USC 139 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)) and a "Cooperating Agency" (as defined in NEPA). We look forward to working with Caltrans to ensure that the SAFETEA-LU implementation procedures assist both our agencies in meeting our statutory missions.

As a Participating and Cooperating Agency, we define EPA's role in the development of the project to include the following as they relate to our jurisdiction by law or areas of expertise:

- 1) Provide meaningful and early input on defining purpose and need, determining the range of alternatives to be considered, and the methodologies and level of detail required in alternatives analysis.
- 2) Participate in coordination meetings and joint field reviews as appropriate and as resources allow.
- 3) Timely review and comment on the pre-draft or pre-final environmental documents as appropriate and as resources allow (*including technical reports, plans and/or scoping documents related to human health risk assessment, mobile source air toxics, traffic analysis, air quality, green-building, wetlands/waters, biological resources, cumulative impacts assessment, and conceptual mitigation*) to reflect the views and concerns of EPA

on the adequacy of the documents, alternatives considered, anticipated impacts, and avoidance, minimization, and mitigation strategies.

- 4) Timely review and comment on a draft coordination plan, outreach strategy and plan to evaluate environmental justice impacts.

This project may meet the criteria for coordination under the April 2006 *National Environmental Policy Act and Clean Water Action Section 404 Integration Process for Federal Aid Surface Transportation Projects in California Memorandum of Understanding* (NEPA/404 MOU). The NEPA/404 MOU includes specific agreement points to assist in developing the EIS and involves active participation in meetings and document reviews. It applies to transportation projects that have five or more acres of permanent impacts to waters of the United States and require EIS preparation. We encourage FHWA and Caltrans to contact the NEPA/404 signatory agencies once more information about the potential impact to waters of the United States is available in order to initiate coordination under the NEPA/404 MOU, if applicable. EPA further recommends that Caltrans consider following the NEPA/404 MOU process to structure the project's early coordination even if the waters of the United States threshold is not triggered. The NEPA/404 MOU allows for the process to apply to other projects if all of the NEPA/404 MOU signatory agencies agree.

We appreciate Caltrans' interest in working with EPA and look forward to participating in the project's EIS development. EPA's participation as a Participating or a Cooperating Agency does not constitute formal or informal approval of any part of this project under any statute administered by EPA, nor does it limit in any way EPA's independent review of the Draft and Final EISs pursuant to Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. Please contact Tom Plenys within the EPA's Environmental Review Office (415-972-3238 or plenys.thomas@epa.gov) for further coordination on this project.

Sincerely,



Kathleen M. Goforth, Manager
Environmental Review Office (CED-2)

CC: Garrett Damrath, Caltrans
Stephanie J. Hall, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



FEMA

September 11, 2008

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District 7, Division of Environmental Planning
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Attn.: Garrett Damrath

Re: Interstate 710 Corridor Project in Los Angeles County
Invitation to Participate in the Environmental Review Process

Dear Mr. Kosinski:

This letter is in response to your letter of August 15 2008 requesting our agency, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to become a participating agency per Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) in the environmental process for the Interstate 710 Corridor Project in Los Angeles County.

FEMA is declining your invitation to be a participating agency, as we do not have jurisdiction or authority with respect to the proposed improvements. The project, however, must undergo Federal consultation with agencies responsible for implementation of Federal environmental statutes and authorities, as it is considered equivalent to a Federal action, being proposed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO).

The proposed improvements are in Los Angeles County, which participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Any development within this County must comply with requirements of the County's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (Ordinance). This Ordinance regulates development within the high risk Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), and meets the minimum Federal requirements established in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR). Development is defined as: "any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation, or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials." (44 CFR Part 59).

To complete the Federal review process for the proposed project, METRO is required to submit the draft of the environmental compliance document to seek comments from our agency.

Mr. Ron Kosinski
September 11, 2008
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Should you have any questions or if I may be of further assistance, you may contact me at (510) 627-7284, or by e-mail at FEMA-RIX-EHP-Documents@DHS.GOV.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amaglio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent vertical stroke on the left side.

Alessandro Amaglio
Environmental Officer



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Chief Engineer and General Manager

September 12, 2008

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I-710 Corridor Project

Dear Mr. Kosinski:

This letter is in response to your August 15, 2008 letter requesting that the Sanitation Districts be a participating agency for the subject project.

The Districts are interested in being a participating agency for the I-710 Corridor Project. The Districts have numerous sewerage facilities including sewer and pumping plants within the project area, which may be impacted.

Please send future correspondence to the attention of Ms. Martha Tremblay, Sewer Design Section Head. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (562) 908-4288, extension 1602.

Very truly yours,

Stephen R. Maguin

Martha Tremblay
Section Head
Sewer Design

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August 21, 2008

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RE: Invitation to Become a Participating Agency on the I-710 Corridor Project

Dear Mr. Kosinski:

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) accepts your invitation to participate in the I-710 Corridor Project pursuant to Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU. The project area intersects Metrolink service along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) and Union Pacific (UP)-owned tracks on which Metrolink operates, and SCRRA welcomes the opportunity to participate in the project planning phases.

As background information, SCRRA is a five-county Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that operates the regional commuter rail system known as Metrolink. Additionally, SCRRA provides rail engineering, construction, operations and maintenance services to its five JPA member agencies. The JPA consists of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC). Three Metrolink routes operate through the I-710 project area: the Orange County Line and the 91 Line along the BNSF's San Bernardino subdivision, and the Riverside Line along the UP's Los Angeles subdivision.

I will be representing SCRRA in the coordination meetings. If you have any questions, please contact me at 213 452-0259 or mahoneye@scrra.net.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Mahoney
Government and Regulatory Affairs Manager

c. Garrett Damrath, Caltrans



September 15, 2008

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Re: Invitation to Become a Participating Agency on the I-710 Corridor Project

Dear Mr. Kosinski,

SCAG accepts your invitation to be a participating agency on the I-710 Corridor Project. Please continue to direct your correspondence in this regard to me at the address provide herein.

Sincerely,

Philip Law
Philip Law
Corridors Program Manager