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Ms. Phuong Trinh
United States Army Corps of Engineers
Los Angeles District Regulatory Branch
P.O. Box 532711
Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325

Subject: Request for Jurisdictional Determination for the Interstate 710 (I-710) Corridor
Project, Los Angeles County, California

Dear Ms. Trinh:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is formally requesting the United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) to conduct an Approved Jurisdictional Determination for the Interstate 710 (I-710) Corridor Project. The purpose of this request is to obtain the Corps determination for wetlands and other waters of the United States to include in the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the I-710 Corridor Project and to provide a basis for future Section 404 permit applications. Copies of the final Jurisdictional Delineation Report and Approved Jurisdictional Determination Forms (including a summary matrix) are attached.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG), the Port of Los Angeles (POLA), the Port of Long Beach (POLB), the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), and the Interstate 5 Joint Powers Authority (I-5 JPA), proposes to improve I-710 in Los Angeles County from Ocean Boulevard in the City of Long Beach to State Route 60 (SR-60) in east Los Angeles. The I-710 Corridor Project study area includes the portion of I-710 from Ocean Blvd. in Long Beach to SR-60, a distance of approximately 18 miles. At the freeway-to-freeway interchanges, the study area extends one mile east and west of I-710 for the I-405, SR-91, I-105, and I-5 interchanges. The I-710 Corridor Project also includes the major north-south arterials from Wilmington Ave. to the west to Lakewood Blvd. to the east. Three Build Alternatives and a No Build Alternative are currently proposed for the I-710 Corridor Project, which include: Alternative 1 (No Build Alternative), Alternative 5A (I-710 Widening up to 10 GP Lanes), Alternative 6A (10 GP Lanes plus a Four-Lane Freight Corridor) and Alternative 6B (10 GP Lanes plus a Zero-Emissions Four-Lane Freight Corridor).

Thank you for your assistance with this project. If you have any questions or would like to visit the project site to verify the information provided with this request, please feel free to contact me at (213) 897-0610 or Art Homrighausen of LSA (project consultant) at (949) 553-0666.

Sincerely,



Paul Caron
District Biologist

Attachment: Jurisdictional Delineation Report (1 hard copy and 1 CD)
Approved Jurisdictional Determination Forms (1 hard copy and 1 CD)

cc: Phil Serpa, ACOE/Asset Management (w/o attachments)
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