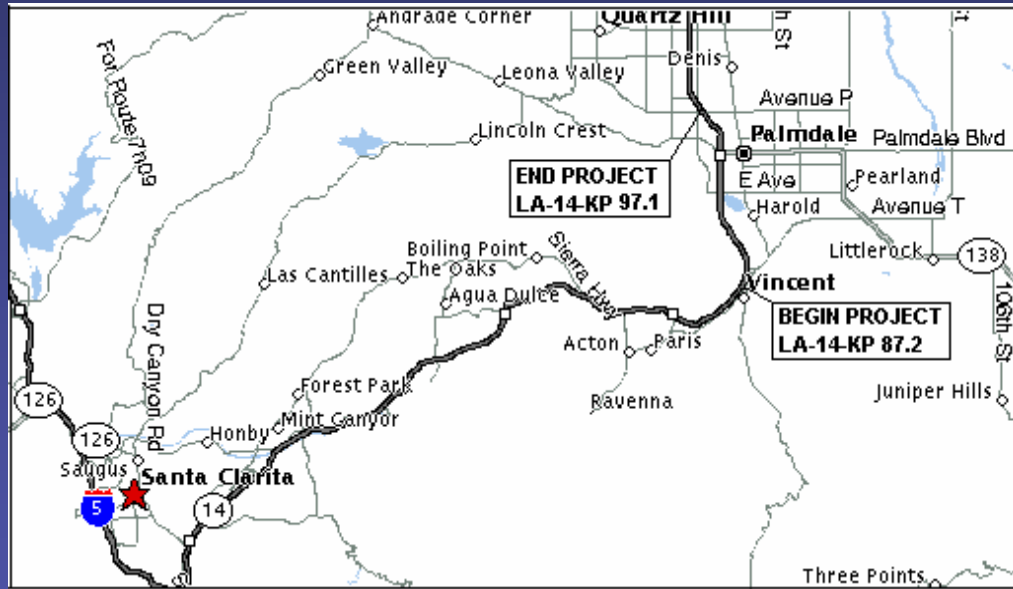


Chief Planning Officer's Report Countywide Planning & Development

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Route 14 HOV Grand Opening (Pearblossom Highway to Avenue P-8)



Schedule:

- Construction Phase Began: March 09, 2005;
- Construction Phase Ends: August 18, 2006

Total Programmed Project Costs: \$40.8 Million

- Metro Programmed \$36.1 Million in federal funds (CMAQ & RSTP);
- Metro Contributed \$4.7 Million in Prop C (11.47%)

Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)

- The Board directed us to look at the feasibility of implementing a Congestion Mitigation Fee that would call on developers to pay their fair share towards regional transportation improvements
- In May, the Board authorized staff to assemble a Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) that would help Metro develop a program that could work
- Staff has identified a high-level PAC comprised of public and private sector leaders from government, the development community, public interest groups, and other key stakeholders

Congestion Mitigation Fee Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) – Cont'd

- We are inviting PAC members to participate in our kick-off meeting, scheduled on October 3rd.
- Plan to bring back a program proposal to the Board next Summer.

Route 710 Tunnel Technical Feasibility Assessment

- Staff has completed the feasibility assessment of a tunnel alternative to extend the 710 freeway from its current terminus at Valley Boulevard in Los Angeles to I-210 in Pasadena.
- The assessment report was made available to the Board on June 9, 2006.
- No insurmountable, physical or environmental issues have been identified that would preclude further consideration of the tunnel alternatives.

Route 710 Tunnel Technical Feasibility Assessment - Cont'd

- Two public information meetings held to share the assessment findings with general public: Pasadena on June 22, 2006 and in Los Angeles, El Sereno community on July 25, 2006.
- Staff has also been presenting the findings to the following cities at their city council meetings: Alhambra, Glendale, Pasadena, San Marino and South Pasadena.
- Presentations were also made to San Gabriel Valley COG Transportation Committee and Governing Board.
- A presentation to La Canada Flintridge City Council is scheduled in September.

Route 710 Tunnel Technical Feasibility Assessment – Cont'd

- Feedback from the public and agencies will be attached to the assessment report as an addendum.
- Both the report and the addendum will be presented to the Board in November 2006.

FY 07 Supplemental Budget

- Funds to Others:
 - Developed Abbreviated Funding Agreement
 - Funds will be paid on a reimbursement basis
 - 3-Year “Lapsing” deadline
 - Contacting the sponsors shortly to execute agreements
- Metro Studies:
 - Assigning/Recruiting Staff
 - Writing Scopes of Work

State Transportation Infrastructure Bond Working Groups

- Countywide Planning is participating in 5 key working groups led by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and Caltrans:
 - Corridor Mobility Improvement Action (CMIA)
 - Performance Measures
 - State-Local Partnership Program Account
 - Ports Infrastructure, Security and Air Quality Improvement (Trade Corridors Improvement Fund)
 - Public-Private Partnerships

State Transportation Infrastructure Bond Working Groups – Cont'd

- The working groups have been formed to develop the proper allocation criteria, performance criteria and guidelines needed to implement bond elements.
- The working groups include representatives from counties statewide, as well as other key stakeholders.
- Countywide Planning is participating in the 5 committees to ensure that Los Angeles County will receive favorable treatment with passage of the Proposition 1B bond measure in November.

State Transportation Infrastructure Bond Working Groups – Cont'd

- The CMIA group started meeting this past July, and the Performance Measures group has begun to meet. We expect that the other groups will be convened soon.