



Metro

I-710 South Corridor Task Force

Gateway Cities Council of Governments
I-710 Ad Hoc Committee

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Background

Measures R (2008) and M (2016) prioritized approximately \$1 billion in local sales tax funding to be leveraged for implementing an I-710 South project developed to address transportation and air quality-related problems in the Gateway Cities subregion.

The Metro Board suspended the I-710 South project environmental process that resulted in Locally Preferred Alternative 5C (Motion 47, May 2021) due to equity and air quality concerns. The Metro Board seeks new recommendations for the project.

Metro and Caltrans are tasked with re-engaging stakeholders and developing an equity-focused, multimodal approach to delivering regional mobility, air quality and community benefits for the I-710 South corridor.



Metro's Equity Definition

Equity is both an outcome and a process to address racial, socioeconomic and gender disparities, to ensure fair and just access – with respect to where you begin and your capacity to improve from that starting point – to opportunities, including jobs, housing, education, mobility options and healthier communities.

It is achieved when one's outcomes in life are not predetermined, in a statistical or experiential sense, on their racial, economic or social identities. It requires community informed and needs-based provision, implementation and impact of services, programs and policies that reduce and ultimately prevent disparities.

I-710 South Corridor Task Force: Goals

Equity: Metro will lead the reconsideration of the I-710 South corridor project with equity by seeking engagement with impacted communities, understanding disparities experienced, and developing multimodal approaches to delivering benefits for these communities while improving regional mobility and air quality.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement: Develop a more comprehensive approach to engage local communities and a broader set of regional stakeholders impacted by and dependent upon the I-710 South corridor.

Purpose and Need: Through the community and stakeholder engagement process, re-establish the purpose and need for mobility, safety, air quality and other improvements within the I-710 South corridor.

Partnership: Partner with the Gateway Cities COG to develop and deliver an investment plan that implements projects and programs designed to realize multimodal strategies that address the re-established purpose and need.

I-710 South Corridor Task Force: Process

- 1) Identify and discuss vital issues to be addressed through the Task Force process
- 2) Review and confirm the purpose and need of improvements to the I-710 Corridor between the San Pedro Bay Ports and State Route 60
- 3) Develop multimodal strategies to meet the purpose and need in alignment with the existing regional and state policy framework
- 4) Identify a prioritized array of projects and programs to realize these strategies to meet the needs of stakeholders and corridor users
- 5) Create a prioritized investment plan to implement projects and programs that leverage local (Measure R/M) funding and provide benefit to local communities and the region at-large

I-710 South Corridor Task Force: Deliverables



- Meet on a regular basis, in conjunction with the COG, over the next six months to develop the investment plan for the I-710 South Corridor that meets the purpose and need developed by community and regional stakeholders for the I-710 South corridor.
 - Will coordinate with COG 710 Ad Hoc Committee as a de facto subcommittee to participate in and help inform the recommendations generated by our Task Force.
- Report back to the Metro Board in the first half of 2022 on the investment plan developed through this process.