

I-710 Corridor Project Factsheet



I-710 Corridor Project: Community Perspective

How can the I-710 Project impact your health?

I-710 CORRIDOR DEMOGRAPHICS

I-710 corridor LA County
 Minority: ~91% ~72%
 Hispanic: ~73% ~47%
 (METRO, 2008)

Below 100% FPL ~20.6% ~16.1%
 Below 200% FPL ~48.5% ~37.5%
 (LA County CAO's Urban Research, 2007)

EXISTING HEALTH CONDITIONS IN I-710 COMMUNITIES COMPARED TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY

- Mortality from diabetes, motor vehicle crashes, coronary heart disease, and emphysema are higher in I-710 corridor communities compared to the rest of LA County.
- In I-710 corridor communities obesity is 24% higher and diabetes 46% higher than in LA County (LA County Health Survey, 2007).
- 5 of the 10 cities with the highest rates of childhood obesity in LA County run along the I-710 corridor (LA County Dept. of Public Health, 2005).
- Residents in I-710 corridor communities are less likely to have health insurance coverage than others in LA County (LA County Health Survey, 2007)

About the I-710 corridor project



Project Description

The I-710 freeway runs 18 miles from the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to the Pomona Freeway (SR-60) in East Los Angeles. The study area encompasses 15 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County adjacent to the freeway corridor.

Project Proposal

Expand the freeway to 14 lanes total, 10 general purpose lanes and four freight movement lanes that are designed for zero emission trucks. This would be the largest public works project in the nation.

Project Purpose

The Port of Long Beach/Los Angeles want to grow and have projected their cargo growth to *double* by 2030 from current levels.



An Environmental Impact

Review/Statement (EIR/EIS) explores the proposed project's environmental impacts on a broad range of topics, including air

Communities Along The I-710 Corridor Project

Bell	Bell Gardens	Bellflower	Carson
Commerce	Compton	Cudahy	Downey
East Los Angeles	Huntington Park	Lakewood	Long Beach
Lynwood	Maywood	Paramount	Signal Hill
South Gate	Vernon	Wilmington	

quality, public health, communities, noise, visual disruption, soil, water pollution, cultural resources, and biological resources.

Lead agencies responsible for the I-710 EIR/EIS:

- METRO
- California Department of Transportation
- Gateway Cities Council of Governments
- I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority
- Port of Long Beach
- Port of Los Angeles
- Southern California Association of Governments

Where are we in the process?

The draft EIR will be completed in the Fall of 2010, and the final EIR completed by Fall 2011.

Why is the I-710 project a problem for the health of our communities?

- ❖ Existing traffic on the freeway already threatens the health of local residents. The impacts of expanding the freeway closer where people live, work, go to school and play need to be addressed.
- ❖ There are 10 schools, 6 day care centers, and 5 mobile home parks less than ¼ of a mile from the I-710.
- ❖ Research shows that many health risks of living close to freeways, including more premature & low birth weight babies (Ritz et al, 2002, 2006).

How can the I-710 project be improved:

- ❖ Health impacts of the proposed freeway expansion must be studied and addressed. Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is one tool that could be used to do this.
- ❖ The Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) should be incorporated into the I-710 community participation framework.
- ❖ Ensure that this is a zero emission project.

How to get involved?

- ❖ *Contact* any of the Coalition for Environmental Health and Justice (CEHAJ) members below for additional information and ways you can get involved.
- ❖ *Participate* in the Community Participation Framework through:
 - Contact your city to become a part of the local advisory committee.
 - Attend and participate in the various subject working group meetings, including Environmental, Transportation, and Community Design/Economics.
 - Attend and *testify* in the following monthly meetings: Subject Working Groups, Corridor Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and the Project Committee's quarterly meetings.

HEALTH EFFECTS FROM LIVING CLOSE TO BUSY ROADWAYS

- Asthma
- Reduced lung function
- Increased death from heart attacks and stroke
- Increased risk of lung cancer
- Heart and lung injury and mortality
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Cognitive impairment
- Hypertension
- Premature death
- Additional health effects associated with noise pollution.

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