REPORT

DATE: March 1, 2007

TO: Administration Committee, Regional Council

FROM: Alan Thompson, Senior Regional Planner. (213) 236-1940 thompson@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Amendment to I-710 (south) EIR/EIS MOU

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Approve amended Memorandum of Understanding to include the City of Signal Hill as a participant in the I-710 (South) EIR/EIS Project Committee.

BACKGROUND:
At the September 7, 2006 meeting, the Regional Council authorized SCAG to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SCAG, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) for the purposes of a Statement of Intent, defining the roles and responsibilities of the parties with regard to the project.

Since that time, the City of Signal Hill requested to be included in the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee, which requires their inclusion into the MOU.

With the exception of the inclusion of the above city to the Project Committee, no functional change is being proposed to the MOU.

Gateway Cities Council of Governments has also requested a change to "Recital A" to place a positive emphasis in the mutual cooperation between the various parties to complete this project. This change would also result in no functional change in the MOU. Staff will brief the Administration Committee and the Regional Council when the changes are made available.

FISCAL IMPACT:
There is no change to the fiscal impact of this item. SCAG's portion of the MOU is $1 million in cash, $2 million in in-kind services over three years. $333,000 is budgeted this year.

Reviewed by:
Division Manager

Reviewed by:
Department Director

Reviewed by:
Chief Financial Officer

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION of GOVERNMENTS

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AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG

DISTRICT 7 OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS,

THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS,

AND

THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

This Amendment regarding an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Interstate 710 (I-710) Corridor Memorandum Of Understanding ("this Amendment") is dated as of January 12, 2007, by and between the District 7 of the California Department of Transportation ("STATE"), the Southern California Association of Governments ("SCAG"), the Gateway Cities Council of Governments ("GCCOG"), and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("METRO").

RECITALS:

A. STATE, SCAG, GCCOG, and METRO entered into that certain Memorandum of Understanding, dated 10/12/06 (the "Existing MOU"), which Existing MOU serves as a Statement of Intent defining the roles and responsibilities of the Parties with regard to the Project, and not as a Cooperative Agreement which the Parties will be entering to address all funding mechanisms, terms, reporting and audit requirements, and any and all other general terms and conditions.

B. STATE, SCAG, GCCOG, and METRO desire to amend the Existing MOU as provided herein.

AGREEMENT:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Paragraph 8, section b, discussing Committee Membership in the Existing MOU is hereby deleted and replaced with the following new paragraph b (section b1 remains unchanged):

   "b) The I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee shall be comprised as follows, provided that non-parties to this MOU have executed an implementation

agreement with the GCCOG: one member of the city council of each of the cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Carson, Commerce, Compton, Cudahy, Downey, Huntington Park, Long Beach, Lynwood, Maywood, Paramount, Signal Hill, South Gate and Vernon; one member of the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the Port of Long Beach; one member of the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the Port of Los Angeles; one member of Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; one member of METRO; one representative of STATE; one representative of SCAG; one representative from the I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority; and the President of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. The Project Committee shall elect two co-chairs to serve on the Executive Committee, one from the Northern area and one from the Southern area of the region represented by the members of the Project Committee."

2. Attachment 2 to the Existing MOU is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following Attachment 2-A, attached hereto.

3. Except as expressly amended thereby, the Existing MOU remains in full force and effect as originally executed. All rights and obligations of the Parties under the Existing MOU that are not expressly amended by this Amendment shall remain unchanged by this Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Amendment to be duly executed and delivered as of the above date.

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Richard Powers, Executive Director Date

Approved as to form:

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Richard Jones, General Counsel for Gateway Cities COG Date

DISTRICT 7 OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Douglas Failing, District Director Date

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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Mark A. Pisano, Executive Director Date

Approved as to form:

for 8-1-07

Karen Tachiki, Chief Legal Counsel at SCAG Date

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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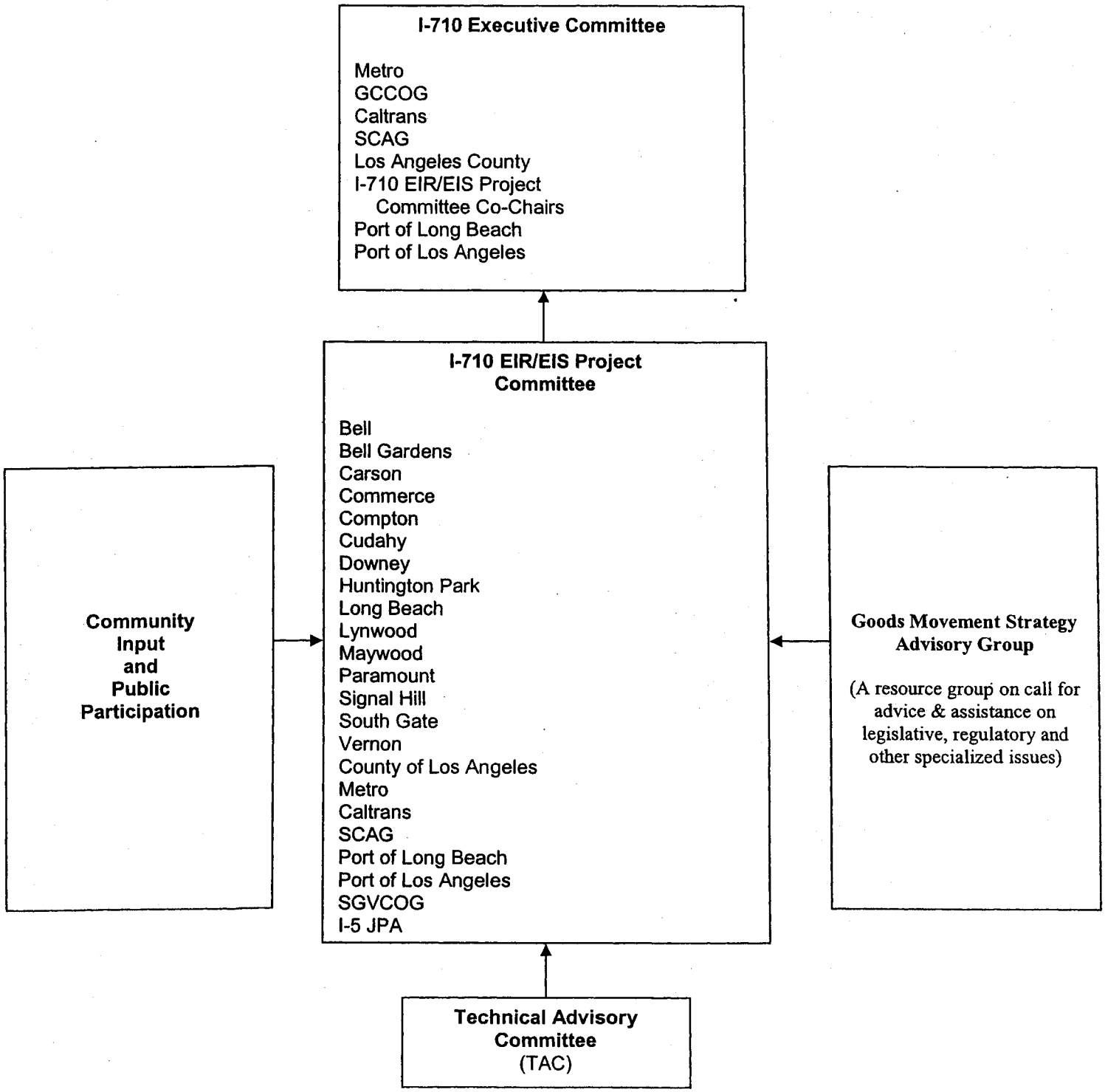
Roger Snoble, Chief Executive Officer Date

Approved as to form:
Raymond G. Fortner, Jr.
County Counsel

By: _____ 1/24/07

Deputy County Counsel Date

ATTACHMENT 2-A

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