



Honorable Chair Garcetti and Members of the Metro Board, thank you for the opportunity to speak this morning. My name is Elizabeth Warren, and I am the Executive Director of FuturePorts.

I am here this morning to express our support of Alternative 5C as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) of the I-710 South project. We also support the process outlined in boardmembers' Solis and Garcia's motion, Item #5.2.

We support Alternative 5C and the Solis and Garcia motion because they outline a prudent short and long-term plan to reduce traffic congestion, enhance safety, and improve air quality throughout the corridor. We support ONLY with amendments to Hahn's motion (Item #5.1) to include language to include near-zero emission vehicle technology and representation of near-zero technology stakeholders on the proposed advisory committee.

While we support the full build out of 5C, it is also imperative that we appropriate existing funding for projects and programs along the corridor that improve traffic, safety and air quality. These improvements include the Early Action Projects identified by Metro staff and the creation of a **technology neutral truck incentive program** to transition the dirtiest heavy-duty trucks to new near zero and zero emission technologies. These initial investments will improve traffic flow and safety and help the region attain its 2023 air quality goals before the full buildout of the project is complete.

FuturePorts' members represent a broad range of goods movement industry businesses that operate throughout the Southern California region. Members range from small to large companies in the goods movement supply chain; from engineering and construction companies and their suppliers, labor, and transportation providers. FuturePorts' members have a vested interest in an economically viable and sustainable supply chain from the waterfront throughout the entire distribution network and as such are very interested in the success of the I-710 Corridor Project.

The I-710 Corridor is a vital infrastructure improvement that will link communities, the Ports of LA and Long Beach, to southern California and beyond. The San Pedro Bay Ports serve as the economic engine for the region, the state and the nation and this project is a principal transportation connection between the Ports, the Class 1 Railroads and the nation. It is essential that improvements to this artery be made to ensure the efficient flow of goods and the mobility of the communities that use this artery are improved. It will allow our Ports to maintain their competitive edge and to make relevant the billions of dollars of investment in goods movement that have already been made such as the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project, on-dock and near dock rail, the Alameda Corridor, and the clean trucks program.

The I-710 Corridor will serve to improve air quality, public health, the level of service on the corridor, and motorist safety. It is a modernization project that addresses the fact that this corridor has had little improvement made to it since it was built in the 1950's and 60's and was not designed to accommodate the unprecedented population growth and resulting increase in cargo imports.



Alternative 5C is \$4 billion less than Alternative 7 and includes accelerated deployment and creation of a technology neutral truck incentive program to transition the dirtiest heavy-duty trucks to new near zero and zero emission technologies. Approval of Alternative 5C and the Solis-Garcia motion is essential to deliver on what is promised to the communities along the corridor. Alternative 5C may allow for the opportunity to deliver on more than one clean truck lane in each direction, as we examine goods movement and technology innovation and need. These initial investments will improve traffic flow, safety and public health and help the region attain its 2023 air quality goals before the full buildout of the project is complete.

Traffic, safety and air quality have only gotten worse, and will continue to worsen even more if nothing is done. We urge you to approve Alternative 5C as the LPA and move forward with the process outlined in Supervisor Solis and Mayor Garcia's motion. If modified as suggested above, we also urge support of Supervisor Hahn's motion.