

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 3, 2013

SENATE BILL

No. 811

Introduced by Senator Lara

February 22, 2013

An act to ~~amend~~ *add* Section ~~70~~ of *103.1* to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 811, as amended, Lara. ~~California Transportation Commission.~~
State Highway Route 710.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of the state highway system. Existing law imposes various requirements for the development and implementation of transportation projects.

This bill would impose various additional requirements on the department with respect to the proposed program of improvements for the State Highway Route 710 Corridor in the County of Los Angeles. The bill would require the department, in conjunction with various other entities, to, among other things, develop and implement a comprehensive public transportation plan, create and implement a comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle improvements element, implement certain improvement programs and projects relative to the Los Angeles River and certain tributaries, provide various community benefits to schools and other facilities, and engage in certain job training, workforce development, and targeted hiring activities. The bill would require the department to allocate \$3,000,000 annually from project funds for job training during the life of the Route 710 Corridor project, subject to appropriation by the Legislature. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations.

~~Existing law creates the California Transportation Commission as the successor to the California Highway Commission and specifies its authority and duties.~~

~~This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to these provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 103.1 is added to the Streets and
2 Highways Code, to read:

3 103.1. (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the
4 following meanings:

5 (1) “I-710 project” means the proposed program of
6 improvements to the State Highway Route 710 Corridor in the
7 County of Los Angeles within the State Highway Route 710
8 Corridor project study area.

9 (2) “Los Angeles River” or “river” means the Los Angeles
10 River within the State Highway Route 710 Corridor project study
11 area, including the adjacent tributaries of Compton Creek and
12 Rio Hondo.

13 (b) The Legislature finds and declares that the proposed I-710
14 project is a project of national significance that is intended to
15 expand capacity on State Highway Route 710 in the County of Los
16 Angeles to accommodate the movement of freight from and to the
17 ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, thereby providing economic
18 benefits in the region and beyond. However, the I-710 project, as
19 proposed, will have adverse public health, air quality, and
20 quality-of-life impacts on residents residing near the corridor from
21 East Los Angeles to Long Beach.

22 (c) The department, in coordination with the Los Angeles County
23 Metropolitan Transportation Authority and service councils within
24 the project’s vicinity, shall, as part of the I-710 project, develop
25 and implement a comprehensive public transportation plan for the
26 corridor. The plan shall be aligned with the goals of Assembly Bill
27 32 (Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006) and Senate Bill 375 (Chapter
28 728, Statutes of 2008) of reducing greenhouse gases by reducing
29 vehicle miles traveled and increasing public transit use and active
30 transportation. The plan shall incorporate local Safe Routes to
31 School programs and pedestrian and bicycle plans to safely

1 *connect communities. In addition, the plan, at a minimum, shall*
2 *do all of the following:*

3 *(1) Add bus shuttles from the affected communities to transit*
4 *centers.*

5 *(2) Expand rail transit service on the Metro Blue and Green*
6 *Lines.*

7 *(3) Expand local, express, and Metro Rapid bus services.*

8 *(4) Enhance community bus service, such as local circulator*
9 *routes in the Cities of Long Beach, Commerce, and Paramount.*

10 *(d) The department shall include a comprehensive pedestrian*
11 *and bicycle improvement element as part of the I-710 project. This*
12 *element shall be developed in conjunction with local agencies and*
13 *interested private organizations, and shall consist of the projects*
14 *as provided in paragraphs (1) and (2). The elements shall be*
15 *consistent with the department's complete streets policies,*
16 *including Department of Transportation Deputy Directive 64-R1,*
17 *"Complete Streets — Integrating the Transportation System." The*
18 *element shall build upon any existing efforts to identify bicycle*
19 *and walkability improvements, and be integrated and coordinated*
20 *with any existing bicycle and pedestrian plans of cities within the*
21 *corridor. The elements shall include all of the following projects:*

22 *(1) Community improvements consisting of the following:*

23 *(A) Bridges designed for the sole use of pedestrians and bicycles*
24 *that cross the freeway at one-quarter to one-half-mile intervals*
25 *and are connected with existing or new pedestrian and bicycle*
26 *facilities on either side of the freeway.*

27 *(B) Implementation of best design practices to ensure that*
28 *roadways are safe for use by pedestrians and bicyclists at on- and*
29 *off-ramps to the freeway and adjoining intersections within the*
30 *I-710 project area. All intersections and crossings within the I-710*
31 *project shall be consistent with the Americans with Disabilities*
32 *Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.) requirements to facilitate*
33 *access for the disabled.*

34 *(C) Repair and improvement of existing trails, bicycle paths,*
35 *and sidewalks within the I-710 project area, including enhanced*
36 *lighting, signage, signalization, widening, and separation from*
37 *vehicle traffic, as appropriate. This requirement shall apply both*
38 *to facilities within the Route 710 right-of-way and to overcrossings,*
39 *arterials, and intersections that are part of the I-710 project, and*

1 shall include trails, bicycle paths, and sidewalks that connect with,
2 or are along, the Los Angeles River.

3 (D) Construction of new pedestrian and bicycle paths and routes
4 within the Route 710 right-of-way and with respect to
5 overcrossings, arterials, and intersections that are part of the
6 I-710 project. The new facilities shall be connected to existing
7 facilities wherever possible. Extension of the Los Angeles River
8 shared-use path shall be included, with the intent that the path
9 serve as the spine of an enhanced regional pedestrian and bicycle
10 network.

11 (2) Support of new pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure within
12 the project area consisting of all of the following:

13 (A) Installation of bicycle parking at public and commercial
14 destinations.

15 (B) Construction of new class I, II, and III bicycle routes.

16 (C) Adequate striping of bicycle lanes.

17 (D) Promotion of projects that safely and effectively connect
18 pedestrians and bicyclists to public transit in order to encourage
19 the use of public transit.

20 (E) Promotion of neighborhood routes, also known as “bike
21 boulevards,” with features such as traffic circles.

22 (F) Transformation of existing underutilized railroad and utility
23 rights-of-way into separated pedestrian and bicycle paths.

24 (e) (1) The department shall develop a collaborative with
25 federal, state, and local agencies and stakeholder organizations
26 to fund and implement the improvement projects described in
27 paragraphs (2) and (3) relating to the Los Angeles River within
28 the I-710 project area. River improvements shall include
29 restoration of the natural river functions, improved bicycle and
30 walking trail networks, and protection from runoff pollution. The
31 department shall include river improvements as part of the I-710
32 project.

33 (2) Improvement projects to restore the natural river shall
34 include projects that:

35 (A) Increase, enhance, and maintain recreational trails.

36 (B) Restore, enhance, and maintain associated wetlands.

37 (C) Allow for continuous fish migration along the river.

38 (D) Increase, enhance, and maintain native landscaping.

39 (3) Improvement projects to provide neighborhood access to
40 the river shall remove barriers to neighborhood access to the river;

1 *including providing improved bicycle and walking trail networks*
2 *between greenbelts, local parks, and the river.*

3 *(f) The department shall include the following mitigation and*
4 *community measures as part of the I-710 project in order to ensure*
5 *that affected communities are vibrant and healthy:*

6 *(1) Healthy schools projects to protect the health of children*
7 *and improve schools and mitigation for schools, which shall*
8 *include, but not be limited to, all of the following:*

9 *(A) Creation of pedestrian and streetscape improvements to*
10 *facilitate safe access to schools, to be coordinated with the*
11 *comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle improvements element of*
12 *the I-710 project.*

13 *(B) Use of green and energy-efficient building materials and*
14 *systems in school facilities.*

15 *(C) Planting of trees along school property lines to mitigate*
16 *noise and air pollution.*

17 *(D) Constructing sound walls on Route 710 within the project*
18 *area near affected schools sufficient to mitigate noise impacts*
19 *down to a maximum of 45 dB(A) inside classrooms.*

20 *(E) Installation of air filtration systems in school facilities*
21 *pursuant to paragraph (2).*

22 *(F) Any other mitigation measures necessary to protect school*
23 *children from the impacts of noise, pollution, land encroachments,*
24 *and other nuisances related to the construction of the Route-710*
25 *project and its future operation.*

26 *(2) Air filtration projects coordinated with the South Coast Air*
27 *Quality Management District to ensure that homes, schools, and*
28 *public buildings within 500 meters of the I-710 project and major*
29 *arterials impacted by the I-710 project are equipped with register*
30 *systems and high-performance panel filter air filtration systems,*
31 *or systems of equivalent effectiveness.*

32 *(3) Tree and streetscape projects to provide for the greening of*
33 *public and shared spaces and thereby provide for the community*
34 *well-being, including new tree planting, protection of existing*
35 *trees, and landscape improvements in order to mitigate noise,*
36 *emissions, and other nuisances from the Route 710 corridor and*
37 *to promote desirability for walking along sidewalks, parkways,*
38 *and medians.*

39 *(4) Traffic and parking mitigation measures, both during*
40 *construction and subsequent operation of the I-710 project,*

1 including management of truck parking in residential
2 neighborhoods and a traffic management plan that includes, but
3 is not limited to, traffic signal upgrades, traffic control measures,
4 and traffic calming.

5 (5) (A) Job training programs, including preapprenticeship
6 programs.

7 (B) The department shall allocate from project funds three
8 million dollars (\$3,000,000) per year for the life of construction
9 of the I-710 project for the purposes of this paragraph. Any funds
10 remaining unspent in a given fiscal year shall be available in the
11 subsequent year. The funds shall be subject to appropriation by
12 the Legislature.

13 (C) The department shall also implement a work experience
14 program to be used by its contractors on the I-710 project, with
15 specific targeting of opportunities for placement to workers
16 residing in the I-710 project area or targeted workers to the extent
17 permissible by law.

18 (D) Enrollment opportunities in job training programs primarily
19 funded pursuant to this paragraph shall be predominantly made
20 available to low-income individuals that have resided within the
21 I-710 project area for at least one year, special needs individuals,
22 and targeted workers.

23 (E) Job training programs shall include job readiness programs,
24 skills development, career ladder programs, incumbent worker
25 training, and other similar programs.

26 (F) As used in this paragraph, “targeted worker” means an
27 individual whose primary residence is in an extremely economically
28 disadvantaged area anywhere in the United States, or a
29 disadvantaged worker from anywhere in the United States.

30 (G) The department shall require its contractors to comply with
31 targeted hiring requirements under which 40 percent of all hours
32 of project work are allocated on a priority basis to targeted
33 workers, with priority to be given to residents of extremely
34 economically disadvantaged areas until the available pool of those
35 workers is exhausted, and thereafter to any targeted worker. The
36 department shall require its contractors to allocate a minimum of
37 10 percent of all hours of project work to disadvantaged workers.
38 The department shall require its contractors to allocate a minimum
39 of 20 percent of all hours of project work to apprentices, with 50

1 *percent of all apprenticeship hours to be performed by targeted*
2 *workers.*

3 *(g) (1) The department shall allocate funding from the I-710*
4 *project budget for the purposes of subdivisions (d) and (e) to*
5 *participating agencies and organizations based on a competitive*
6 *application process, under which each applicant’s proposal is*
7 *evaluated for its nexus to the I-710 project. A project proposal*
8 *may be submitted for project design, scoping, environmental study,*
9 *construction, operations, or education, or more than one of these*
10 *phases. Priority shall be given to “shovel-ready” projects.*

11 *(2) Each local agency participating with the department in the*
12 *implementation of subdivisions (d) or (e) shall have drafted and*
13 *adopted a pedestrian and bicycle master plan that reflects local*
14 *conditions and priorities, and that facilitates regional connectivity.*

15 ~~SECTION 1. Section 70 of the Streets and Highways Code is~~
16 ~~amended to read:~~

17 ~~70.—(a) The California Highway Commission is hereby~~
18 ~~abolished, and the California Transportation Commission succeeds~~
19 ~~to, and is vested with, all the duties, powers, purposes,~~
20 ~~responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the California Highway~~
21 ~~Commission.~~

22 ~~(b) A reference in any law or regulation to the California~~
23 ~~Highway Commission shall be deemed to refer to the California~~
24 ~~Transportation Commission.~~

25 ~~(c) The California Transportation Commission shall have the~~
26 ~~possession and control of all licenses, permits, leases, agreements,~~
27 ~~contracts, orders, claims, judgments, records, papers, equipment,~~
28 ~~supplies, bonds, moneys, funds, appropriations, buildings, land,~~
29 ~~and other property, real or personal, held for the benefit, use, or~~
30 ~~obligation of the California Highway Commission.~~