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SENATE BILL

No. 811

Introduced by Senator Lara

February 22, 2013

An act to add Section 103.1 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 811, as amended, Lara. 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, or on another agency, if that agency agrees to assume responsibility as the lead agency with respect to the I-710 ~~expansion~~ *corridor* project in the County of Los Angeles from State Highway Route 60 in East Los Angeles to Ocean Boulevard in Long Beach. The bill would require the lead agency, in consultation with all interested community organizations, to include, within the environmental review process for the project, alternatives to address the air quality, public health, and mobility impacts the project will have on neighboring communities, including, in its entirety, Community Alternative 7, as

defined, as a complete project alternative. The bill would require the final environmental document approved by the lead agency to include an investment in identified mitigation measures and community benefits for the affected communities and the Los Angeles River. The bill would require the lead agency to submit a report in that regard to the Legislature at least 90 days prior to approving the final environmental document for the project, ~~and would require the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing and the Assembly Committee on Transportation to hold a public joint hearing on the proposed final environmental document at least 60 days prior to approval of the final environmental document project.~~ The bill would make legislative findings and declarations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
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
4 the following meanings:
5 (1) “~~I-710-expansion project~~” *corridor project*” means the
6 proposed program of improvements to the State Highway Route
7 710 Corridor in the County of Los Angeles within the State
8 Highway Route 710 Corridor project study area, which extends
9 from State Highway Route 60 in East Los Angeles to Ocean
10 Boulevard in Long Beach. The ~~I-710-expansion~~ *corridor* project
11 does not include any extension of State Highway Route 710
12 through South Pasadena from State Highway Route 10 to State
13 Highway Route 210.
14 (2) “Community Alternative 7” means an alternative
15 infrastructure plan developed by a coalition of community partners,
16 and submitted for consideration to the ~~I-710-expansion~~ *corridor*
17 project’s lead agency in response to the first draft environmental
18 review document. ~~Community Alternative 7 includes mitigation~~
19 ~~measures and community benefits to address existing and future~~
20 ~~public health concerns for the affected area.~~ *document, and voted*
21 *on by the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee to be included in the*
22 *recirculated draft EIR/Supplemental EIS document.*

1 (3) “Lead agency” means the department, unless another agency
2 agrees to assume responsibility as the lead agency for the I-710
3 ~~expansion~~ *corridor* project under the California Environmental
4 Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of
5 the Public Resources Code), in which case “lead agency” means
6 that other agency.

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

11 (5) “Project committee” means the committee facilitated by the
12 project’s lead agency as a part of the I-710-~~expansion~~ *corridor*
13 project community participation framework, and is comprised of
14 elected officials from I-710-~~expansion~~ *corridor* project corridor
15 communities and funding partner representatives who make
16 recommendations to the funding partners and the department on
17 key assumptions and decisions in the environmental review
18 process. The funding partners include the department, the Los
19 Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the
20 Gateway Cities Council of Governments, the Southern California
21 Association of Governments, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long
22 Beach, and the Interstate 5 Joint Powers Authority.

23 (b) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

24 (1) The proposed I-710-~~expansion~~ *corridor* project is a project
25 of national significance that is intended to expand capacity on State
26 Highway Route 710 in the County of Los Angeles to accommodate
27 the movement of freight from and to the Ports of Los Angeles and
28 Long Beach, thereby providing economic benefits in the region
29 and beyond. However, the I-710-~~expansion~~ *corridor* project, as
30 proposed, ~~will~~ *may* have adverse public health, air quality, and
31 quality-of-life impacts on residents residing near the corridor from
32 East Los Angeles to Long Beach.

33 (2) The proposed I-710-~~expansion~~ *corridor* project is a “goods
34 movement” project that should be aligned with the principles laid
35 out in the 2007 Goods Movement Action Plan, prepared by the
36 California Environmental Protection Agency and the Business,
37 Transportation and Housing Agency. These principles ~~require that~~
38 ~~the project be developed in a way that provides~~ *highlight the*
39 *importance of goods movement projects that provide local*
40 *communities with benefits and improvements. This supports the*

1 *goal that one of the I-710 alternatives should provide*
2 improvements to the communities housing the project. For the
3 I-710 ~~expansion corridor~~ project, these improvements ~~include all~~
4 ~~of~~ *may include, but are not limited to*, the following:

5 (A) River improvements including those that contribute to
6 revitalization of the river and green, active space along the river.

7 (B) Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; public transit
8 infrastructure and operations.

9 (C) Targeted hiring and job training related to the construction
10 and operation of the project.

11 (D) Improvements to conditions at sensitive sites, such as
12 schools, homes, ~~and elderly care facilities.~~ *facilities, and homeless*
13 *care facilities.*

14 (3) The proposed I-710 ~~expansion corridor~~ project is a
15 transportation project that should be ~~aligned~~ *consistent* with the
16 goals of Assembly Bill 32 (~~Chapter (Ch. 488, Statutes of Stats.~~
17 2006) and Senate Bill 375 (~~Chapter (Ch. 728, Statutes of Stats.~~
18 2008) of reducing greenhouse gases by reducing vehicle miles
19 traveled and increasing public transit use and active transportation.

20 (4) Community Alternative 7 includes these principles, goals,
21 and improvements. On January 31, 2013, the project committee
22 for the proposed I-710 ~~expansion corridor~~ project voted to
23 recommend that the lead agency consider Community Alternative
24 7 in its entirety in the draft environmental review document for
25 the project.

26 (c) The lead agency, in consultation with all interested
27 community organizations, shall include, within the environmental
28 review process, alternatives to address the air quality, public health,
29 and mobility impacts *that* the I-710 ~~expansion corridor~~ project
30 ~~will~~ *could* have on neighboring ~~communities, and shall identify~~
31 ~~measures to improve conditions presently affecting the~~
32 ~~communities surrounding the existing Route 710 freeway.~~
33 *communities.* One of these alternatives shall be Community
34 Alternative 7, ~~considered~~ *studied* in its entirety, as a complete
35 project alternative.

36 (d) The final environmental document approved by the lead
37 agency for the I-710 ~~expansion corridor~~ project shall include an
38 investment in identified mitigation measures ~~and community~~
39 ~~benefits for~~ *where there are impacts to* the affected communities
40 and the Los Angeles River.

1 (e) At least 90 days prior to approving the final environmental
2 document for the I-710 ~~expansion~~ *corridor* project, the lead agency
3 shall submit a report to the Legislature describing the identified
4 mitigation measures and community benefits that will be included
5 in the project and providing evidence of meeting the requirements
6 of this section. The report shall be submitted pursuant to Section
7 9795 of the Government Code.

8 ~~(f) At least 60 days prior to approval by the lead agency of the~~
9 ~~final environmental document for the I-710 expansion project, the~~
10 ~~Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing and the~~
11 ~~Assembly Committee on Transportation shall hold a public joint~~
12 ~~hearing on the proposed final environmental document.~~