



## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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# Proposed East-West Freight Corridor

### PROJECT BACKGROUND

Every four years, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) develops a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that provides a vision for transportation investments throughout Southern California. The RTP considers the role of transportation within the context of economic, environmental and quality-of-life goals for the future. Through the RTP, decision-makers from every county in the SCAG region identify priorities and adopt policies to address the many challenges that we face. As the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization, SCAG partners with local communities and cities, state and federal agencies, and numerous other groups to create a sustainable transportation plan for residents of Southern California.

Goods Movement, the commercial transportation of goods by trucks and trains to businesses and residents, is critical to the region's economy. Finding sustainable ways to support the continued movement of goods is a major part of the 2012 RTP.

### ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF GOODS MOVEMENT

- 34% of the region's employment (almost 3 million jobs) is related to goods movement
- \$253 billion of the region's economic output is related to goods movement
- 47% of the total sales revenue activities in the San Gabriel Valley are related to trucking sectors
- 830 million square feet of regional warehouse space is projected to grow by over 150% by 2035

### FREIGHT MOBILITY CHALLENGES THROUGH 2035

- Truck traffic is projected by experts to double between now and 2035 on all east-west freeways
- Traffic on the SR-60 is expected to increase 115% without the project
- With increased congestion, warehousing and manufacturing facilities could move out of the region to less congested areas, negatively impacting the economy of the San Gabriel Valley
- Some of the highest truck-involved accident rates in California are along the SR-60
- The 2011 Urban Mobility Report indicates that Southern California remains one of the most congested urban areas in the nation

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF PARTICIPATION

### JANUARY 2012 – FEBRUARY 2012

Hold Public Hearings for the 2012 RTP

### JANUARY 2012 – MARCH 2012

Meet with Elected Officials, Local Cities, and Communities as Requested on the East-West Freight Corridor

### APRIL 2012

Adopt Final 2012 RTP/SCS



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## EAST-WEST FREIGHT CORRIDOR (EWFC) PROJECT OVERVIEW

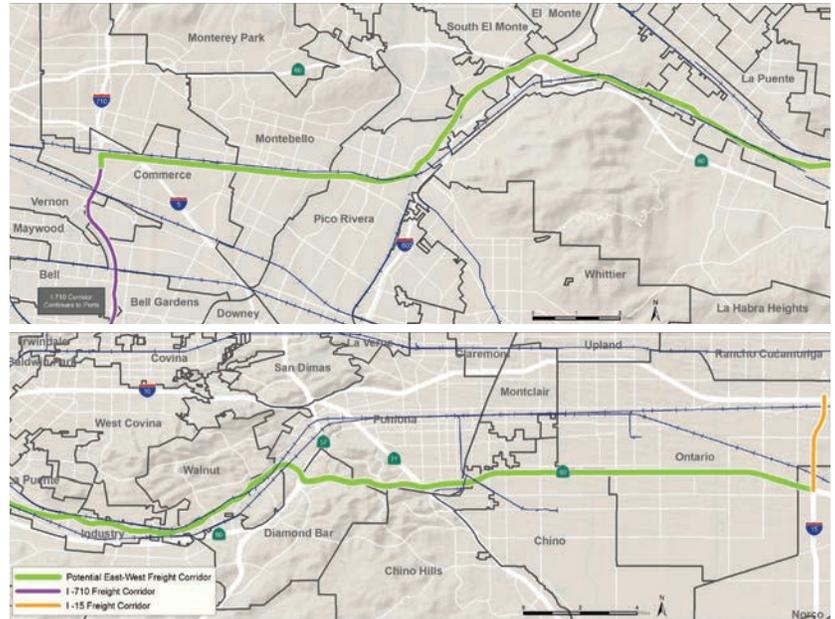
SCAG is actively working to maintain Southern California's robust Goods Movement economy with the proposed East-West Freight Corridor (EWFC). With the creation of new, truck-only lanes near the State Route 60 (SR-60) freeway, the EWFC will help retain local jobs and revenues, dramatically ease congestion, and improve air quality.

### BENEFITS OF THE EAST-WEST FREIGHT CORRIDOR

- 3 million logistic related jobs would remain in Southern California, including 207,000 within San Gabriel Valley
- Traffic speeds for autos on SR-60 would improve by up to 12%
- Truck traffic would be reduced by as much as 82% on the SR-60 and up to 33% on I-10
- Truck traffic on adjacent arterials would be reduced by 20%
- 100% clean truck utilization would remove dangerous emissions from the air: 4.7 tons NOX, 0.16 tons PM2.5, and 4,000 tons CO2 every day

### WHY CHOOSE THIS ALIGNMENT FOR FURTHER STUDY?

- The largest concentration of warehousing and manufacturing facilities within the region lies along the SR-60 and UPRR Corridor (over 50%), more than the SR-91, I-10, I-210 and High Desert Corridor
- The SR 60-adjacent corridor would have the least amount of property impacts compared to the other corridors analyzed
- Results in the greatest traffic reductions on all routes, including other parallel corridors
- Provides the opportunity to improve the existing flood control channel along the San Jose Creek
- Offers the chance to redevelop some industrial properties and mitigate rail impacts in the area



*Final Alignment to be identified through an Environmental Impact Report*

### WHAT DOES PLACING THE EAST-WEST FREIGHT CORRIDOR IN THE 2012 RTP MEAN?

The 2012 RTP is a planning blueprint for the future transportation system in Southern California. Projects included in the RTP remain eligible for state and federal funding. While these state and federal funds may be used for implementation of a project, they can also be used for further study, including work on environmental impact reports (EIR). Through the EIR process, further detailed analysis would be conducted. **Including the East-West Freight Corridor project in the 2012 RTP simply allows the region to more closely explore the project through further study.**

The Final 2012 RTP will be adopted in April 2012. Before that date, SCAG intends to conduct significant outreach to continue to receive and incorporate meaningful input on the East-West Freight Corridor from all regional partners.

### NEXT STEPS

- Conduct information sessions in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Continue to work with stakeholders to obtain input on project feasibility.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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