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Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

Dear Mr. Cohen:

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Carlsbad, CA 92011

Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

Dear Ms. Brown:

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Christopher M. Moore
Division Chief
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries
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Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

Dear Mr. Moore:

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1111 Jackson Street, Suite 520
Oakland, CA 94607

Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

Dear Ms. Port:

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National Park Service
United States Department of the Interior, Pacific West Region
1111 Jackson Street, Suite 700
Oakland, CA 94607

Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

Dear Mr. Jarvis:

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Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Project Director
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

Dear Mr. Morales:

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Bruce McClendon
Director of Planning
Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

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Stephen R. Maguin
Chief Engineer and General Manager
Los Angeles County Sanitation Department
1955 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, California 90601

Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

Dear Mr. Maguin:

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Southern California Association of Governments
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Los Angeles, CA 90017

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Los Angeles, CA 90017

Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

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Alhambra, CA 91803

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Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

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Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

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One Civic Plaza, Suite 350
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Re: I-710 Corridor Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Purpose and Need

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