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Comments re: John S. Gibson Boulevard/I-110 Access Ramps and SR-47/I-110 Connector Improvement Project

The following comments on this project were adopted by the Board of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council at its meeting on September 12, 2011:

1. The NWSPNC would like the opportunity to comment on the traffic management plan, landscaping plan, and aesthetics of the sound walls when these plans become available.

2. The environmental document should discuss limitations or methods to reduce additional traffic noise impacting the area west of the 110 Freeway, especially noise related to truck acceleration/deceleration. The banning of the use of jack brakes should be evaluated as part of the noise mitigation elements of the Draft Environmental Documents.

3. Since a skate park located beneath the I-110 / Channel Street overcrossing will be closed for at least a year, we request that POLA and Caltrans provide funding for a skate plaza at Peck Park or set up a temporary facility at another location.

4. As part of project design and implementation that POLA and Caltrans evaluate opportunities to underground utilities within and adjacent to the project right of ways.

5. As part of the projects relocation of existing railroad tracks may be needed, we request that as part of this effort POLA and Caltrans evaluate opportunities to include dedicated bike path right away within the project design.
6. We request that POLA and Caltrans include in the John S. Gibson / I-110 access ramps project design the potential for a new I-110 connection to Westmont Street to the west of the project area. The NWSPNC has requested that POLA and Caltrans evaluate this option in the past to provide more direct access for trucks using the distribution center in this area.

7. POLA and Caltrans should evaluate the potential growth inducing impacts of the proposed projects relative to future port growth.

Please feel free to contact me at 310-831-1975 should you have any questions about these comments.

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