

*Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency
Federal Consistency Appeal*

*Frequently Asked Questions
Regarding the Public Hearing*

When and where will the public hearing be held?

The public hearing will occur on July 25, 2008, from 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the University of California, Irvine, Bren Events Center (UCI Bren Center), 100 Bren Events Center, Irvine, California 92697. For directions, please see the UCI Bren Center website at <http://www.bren.uci.edu>.

What is the hearing format?

- The hearing will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. and will continue until 8:30 p.m.
- Intermissions are expected near noon and late in the afternoon (around 4:30 p.m.). Other recesses may be called as necessary.
- Individuals wishing to provide oral testimony must register at the hearing. Speaker registration will open at 10 a.m. The order of testimony generally will proceed in the order of registration on a first-come-first served basis, alternating between individuals from the general public and those representing organizations. A portion of the afternoon session and the evening session will be reserved for remarks from elected officials.
- Speakers from the general public will receive up to three minutes to present their oral comments. Elected officials and individuals representing organizations will receive five minutes to speak. Time limits may vary depending on the number of individuals wishing to speak. In order to accommodate the maximum number of speakers, time limits will be strictly enforced.
- No testimony or presentation by the parties to the appeal (*i.e.*, the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency and the California Coastal Commission) is anticipated or requested. However, if a party chooses to appear, its comments will be subject to the three-minute time limit.
- Speakers will not be permitted to cede time to another speaker.
- Only one person may speak on behalf of an organization.
- Speakers are encouraged to avoid duplicative testimony: It is not assumed that the number of “pro” and “con” speakers at the hearing reflects the distribution of public opinion on that issue.
- **Proper decorum must be maintained at all times. Except while testifying, individuals must remain seated, and quiet, during the pendency of the hearing. No cheering, booing, heckling, or other disruptions will be tolerated. Directions given by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) officials administering the hearing, event staff, or**

security officers must be promptly observed. Anyone violating any of these instructions will be asked to leave and escorted from the hearing room.

Are questions to and responses from NOAA officials allowed?

No. The NOAA officials administering the hearing will not be entertaining questions and will not be making any substantive decisions at the hearing. The sole purpose of the hearing is to receive views and input from the public.

How will testimony be recorded?

Speaker testimony will be transcribed. The transcript will become part of the administrative record for the appeal. Each speaker will be asked to give his or her name for the record.

How will speaker time be regulated?

We anticipate using a timer. When time is up, the NOAA timekeeper also will inform the speaker. Time limits will be strictly enforced so that the maximum number of speakers can be accommodated.

Will visual aids (videos and PowerPoint presentations) be allowed?

The hearing room will not be equipped to view videos or PowerPoint presentations. A speaker may use paper-based or photographic visual aids during her/his allotted time.

Can written materials be submitted at the hearing?

Yes. Boxes will be made available in the hearing room for written comments.

Will there be any additional opportunities for public comment after the hearing?

Written comments will be accepted for ten days after the hearing. The public comment period will close on Monday, August 4, 2008.

Are cameras or recording equipment permitted at the hearing?

No. With the exception of recognized members of the press, the use of cameras, camera phones, video cameras or other recording devices is prohibited during the hearing.

Are signs and banners permitted in the hearing room?

Signs and banners are discouraged, and no signage over 13 inches x 24 inches will be permitted in the hearing room. Participants may hold a sign directly in front of themselves, on their laps, but may not hold signs up during the hearing or otherwise restrict the view of others.

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Yes. Orange County Transportation Authority bus routes stop near the UCI Bren Center.
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