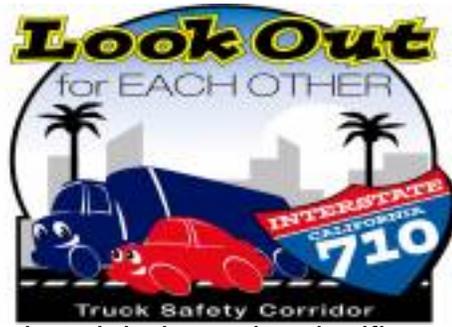


## I-710 Truck Safety Corridor Task Force

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In recent years, truck involved collisions throughout the state have received intense media coverage because such collisions frequently result in more

### Public Agency Participants

California Department of Transportation

California Highway Patrol

Port of Long Beach - Harbor Patrol

California Department of Transportation

Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Federal Highway Administration

Gateway Cities Council of Government

Office of Traffic Safety

City of Commerce

City of Compton

City of Downey

City of Long Beach

City of Lynwood

City of Vernon

City of South Gate

### Private Agency Participants

APL Incorporated

Auto Club of Southern California

Cal Cartage

Evergreen - American Steamship Association

serious injuries, take significantly longer to clear, and create extensive traffic jams. As a result, the Business Transportation, and Housing Agency in Sacramento requested the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to implement a task force approach on three selected corridors within the state experiencing high truck collision rates. The entire length of Interstate 710 (I-710) Long Beach freeway was identified as the first corridor in June 2001.

From October 1, 2001, through September 30, 2002, CHP officers are now deployed in special teams to target any driver (passenger car or commercial truck drivers) making unsafe lane changes, driving at unsafe speeds, following too close, making improper turning movements, and violating basic traffic safety laws.

This 12-month project focuses on reducing truck-involved collisions along the 20.39 mile length of I-710, from the Port of Long Beach to its end just north of its junction with I-10 (San Bernardino) freeway in Monterey Park. This project also includes a comprehensive evaluation of the causative factors and implementation of appropriate remedies.

The overall goal is to reduce truck-involved fatal and injury collisions 10 percent on the I-710 corridor by specific goals to be determined after a thorough evaluation. Project objectives include convening a task force, identifying at least four factors contributing to truck-involved collisions on the I-710 corridor, developing a *Safety Action Plan*, implementing at least two potential solutions identified by the task force members, and distributing public education materials.

The role of each I-710 Truck Safety Corridor task force member is crucial. After critically reviewing the corridor route during a bus tour, each member identifies issues they perceive to be collision causing factors associated with roadway signing, striping and engineering; enforcement; and illegal driving behaviors. This safety project formulates a collaborative effort between community leaders, state and local law enforcement, transportation agencies, emergency service providers, public and private sector transportation safety organizations, and other stakeholders interested in improving traffic safety.

During 2001, task force members developed the I-710 Truck Corridor Task Force logo and slogan for its public education campaign to alert

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Port of Long Beach

Transport Express Incorporated

and remind all motorists to drive safely and “**Look Out For Each Other,**” the benchmark theme of this traffic safety project. During 2002, public educational materials identified with the task force logo, slogan, and traffic safety messages will be distributed by officers issuing warnings and/or citations and at businesses and truck stops along the I-710 corridor.