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Caltrans and Metro Add Two More Public Hearings for Community Feedback to Draft Environmental Document on SR-710

(April 2, 2015) The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) today announced the addition of two more public hearings to offer community feedback on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for SR-710.

Additional public hearings have been scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at the La Cañada High School auditorium, 4463 Oak Grove Drive, La Cañada-Flintridge, Calif. 91011 with map viewing 5 p.m. -6 p.m. and public hearing 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. and Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the Los Angeles Christian Presbyterian Church, 2241 N. Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. 90032 with map viewing 5 p.m. -6 p.m. and public hearing 6 p.m. -9 p.m.

The added meetings provide four opportunities to comment on the draft environmental document. The first two meetings are scheduled on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Rosco C. Ingalls Auditorium at East Los Angeles College with map viewing 10 a.m. -11 a.m. and public hearing 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at the Pasadena Convention Center with map viewing 5 p.m. - 6 p.m., and public hearing 7 p.m. -9 p.m. A 120-day public comment period began March 6 and ends July 6, 2015.

Caltrans and Metro are under a mandate from two million Los Angeles County voters that passed Measure R in 2008 to study a 100 square mile region affected by congestion and pollution caused by incomplete transportation infrastructure between the end of the I-710 freeway in El Sereno and the I-210 Freeway in Pasadena.

The Draft EIR/EIS proposes five alternatives regarding a 4.5 mile gap separating the freeways.

- No Build option that would leave conditions as they are
- A traffic management system to upgrade and synchronize signals and improvements to local street intersections to more quickly move traffic that exits the dead end freeway
- A rapid bus line featuring high frequency service with minimal stops and potentially a dedicated bus lane
- Light rail to carry passengers between East Los Angeles and Pasadena
- A freeway tunnel that would extend the SR-710

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Caltrans-Metro Add Two Public Hearings to Comment on Draft EIR/EIS on SR-710 (1st Add)

No decisions have been made on any proposed alternative in the Draft EIR/EIS.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the public hearings and read the document at <http://goo.gl/84KSgF> Public comment can be made on the link provided.

The full document can be viewed by appointment at the Caltrans District Office at 100 South Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 and at the Metro library, 1 Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, Calif. 90012. Copies are also available at public libraries listed here: <http://www.metro.net/projects/sr-710-conversations/>

An EIR is required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act and an EIS fulfills requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The laws require government agencies to identify the significant environmental impacts of their actions and to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects. Information from public comments will be weighed before preparing the final environmental document.

Altogether, approximately 26 detailed technical studies are included in the Draft EIR/EIS.

Through the process of compiling the Draft EIR/EIS, Metro and Caltrans conducted 92 community meetings, participated in six city-sponsored community forums and held over 200 briefings with community stakeholders.

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