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**SUBJECT: REGIONAL CONNECTOR TRANSIT CORRIDOR  
PROJECT FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT STATEMENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL RECORD  
OF DECISION**

### **ISSUE**

The Regional Connector Transit Corridor Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Supplemental Record of Decision (FSEIS and SROD) was posted on the Metro website as of December 18, 2015. This document provides further information on tunnel construction alternatives on Flower Street and why they were eliminated from consideration for the project. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has approved this document and issued the SROD on December 16, 2015. The posting of the FSEIS and SROD and distribution to public libraries serves as the public release of the documents.

### **BACKGROUND**

The FSEIS was prepared to address the Order of the United States District Court for the Central District of California. The Judgment and Order for Partial Injunctive Relief by the Honorable John A. Kronstadt on May 28, 2014 and September 9, 2014, respectively, require that the FTA as the federal lead agency pursuant to NEPA, with Metro, prepare a supplemental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to address the feasibility of Open Face Shield and Sequential Excavation Method (SEM) tunneling alternatives. Comments received during the public review period of the Draft SEIS are addressed in the FSEIS.

The FSEIS provides additional detail on tunneling methods not selected along Flower Street, specifically Open Face Shield and SEM tunneling and additional

detail regarding why these construction alternatives were not selected. The remainder of the project alignment is not changed and is not under consideration as part of the FSEIS.

The FSEIS is released for public distribution, however, it will not change the current project under construction nor will it require Board action. The Project remains as identified and approved in the Certified 2012 Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Final EIS/EIR) and Record of Decision (ROD) issued by the FTA on June 29, 2012.

The Final SEIS is available on Metro's website at [www.metro.net/projects/connector](http://www.metro.net/projects/connector) and at public libraries along the alignment and connecting light rail lines as of December 28, 2015.