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SUBJECT: STATE ROUTE 710 NORTH COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS  
INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

## ISSUE

Informational meetings about the Costs and Benefits Analysis (CBA) conducted for the State Route 710 North Study Alternatives were hosted by Metro and Caltrans at the Pasadena Convention Center in Pasadena and the Centro Maravilla Service Center in East Los Angeles. The CBA was made available during the public circulation of the State Route 710 North Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (SR 710 North Draft EIR/EIS) last year. The meetings gave the public an opportunity to learn more and to ask questions about the CBA. More than 100 members of the public attended the meetings. The purpose of this memo is to summarize the feedback received during the CBA meetings and to provide an update on the State Route 710 North Study.

In general, the feedback ranged from queries about the veracity of the CBA model, input/output data, assumptions, calculations and results; to concerns about economic, environmental and construction costs, and other factors considered in the CBA analyses. The meeting attendees also commented on the existing traffic, air quality and neighborhood impacts, and inquired about the environmental process, the study schedule, and the next steps.

The following links contain the CBA report, meeting notice, handout material (fact sheet) and power point presentation.

[http://media.metro.net/projects\\_studies/sr\\_710/images/attachmentb\\_sr710cbareport\\_2015-0619.pdf](http://media.metro.net/projects_studies/sr_710/images/attachmentb_sr710cbareport_2015-0619.pdf)

[http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea2474f66f2da44ef75d014d3&id=18dcfd2cfe&e=\[UNIQID\]](http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea2474f66f2da44ef75d014d3&id=18dcfd2cfe&e=[UNIQID])

[https://media.metro.net/projects\\_studies/sr\\_710/images/sr710\\_costandbenefits\\_2016-0927.pdf](https://media.metro.net/projects_studies/sr_710/images/sr710_costandbenefits_2016-0927.pdf)  
[https://media.metro.net/projects\\_studies/sr\\_710/images/sr710\\_north\\_cba\\_2016-09.pdf](https://media.metro.net/projects_studies/sr_710/images/sr710_north_cba_2016-09.pdf)

## **DISCUSSION**

The CBA was prepared in response to a motion approved by the Metro Board of Directors at their June 2010 Meeting. The motion directed the Chief Executive Officer to conduct a CBA concurrent with the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and present the findings to the Board with the completed Draft EIR.

On March 6, 2015, Caltrans approved the release and circulation of the SR 710 North Draft EIR/EIS. Approximately 8000 comments were received by Caltrans prior to the close of the public comment period on August 5, 2015. (The CBA was made available on June 19, 2015.)

Responses to the comments on the SR 710 North Draft EIR/EIS received during the public comment period as well as comments on the CBA received during this period will be addressed in the Final EIR/EIS.

## **NEXT STEPS**

As it relates to the CBA, staff has fulfilled the directive from the Metro Board of Directors.

Along with finalizing responses to comments on the SR 710 North Draft EIR/EIS, other major tasks to be accomplished next year include:

- Recommending a Preferred Alternative
- Demonstrating air quality conformity for the Preferred Alternative
- *Finalizing the Project Report*
- Completing supporting documents for the Final EIR/EIS and
- Preparing the Final EIR/EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act.

It is anticipated the Final EIR/EIS will be made available by the first quarter of 2018.

Staff will continue to provide periodic updates to the Metro Board of Directors on the State Route 710 North EIR/EIS schedule and process.