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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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SUBJECT: STATE ROUTE 710 UPDATE

ISSUE

With the rollout of the alternative concepts for State Route 710 Study, strong reaction has occurred in certain communities when they recognized highway, freeway and transit concepts affecting their neighborhoods were being evaluated. This reaction has manifest in significant public outcry at recent city council and public meetings.

Seven Open Houses were held throughout the study area in May. Approximately four hundred people participated in the venues where these alternative concepts were presented in a gallery format, hosted by the project team. The concepts were presented at seven stations comprised of three dozen 8'x 4' presentation boards staffed by the technical and outreach teams who engaged in one-on-one dialogue with community participants. Irrespective of opposing or supporting the study, many members of the public commented favorably on the quality, content and personal attention afforded them at the Open House sessions. The most recent round of meetings was intended to be a check-in with the community to prepare them for the next milestone in the study which is the reduction of alternative concepts.

A robust public outreach program will continue throughout the study process. This will include public meetings, stakeholder briefings, special topic information sessions such as Goods Movement, Multi-Modal, etc. There is a project website at www.metro.net/sr710study that includes social media communications as well. Attachment A contains information about past and future State Route 710 community meetings.

DISCUSSION

Staff is evaluating 12 alternative concepts including Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management, Transit (bus rapid transit and light rail transit), freeway concepts (surface, subsurface/underground), highway/arterial improvements, local street improvements, advanced transportation technologies, and No Build. These concepts are being studied to determine the alternatives that best address local and regional north-south travel demand while minimizing potential environmental and community impacts.

Target dates for major milestones are as follows:

- August 29/30, 2012 - Present performance of alternative concepts to the State Route 710 Technical Advisory Committee/State Route 710 Stakeholder Outreach Advisory Committee
- August 2012 – Conduct Legislative Briefing and Online Media Briefing highlighting the performance of the alternative concepts
- October 2012 – Identify alternatives for further environmental analysis and potential hybrid alternatives;
- December 2013 - Circulate the draft environmental document; and
- March 2014 - Conduct public hearings

NEXT STEPS

Staff will further refine the alternative concepts within the study area and continue public participation efforts. Staff will also update the Board in October 2012 and before the release of the draft environmental document.

ATTACHMENT

A. State Route 710 Study Community Meetings

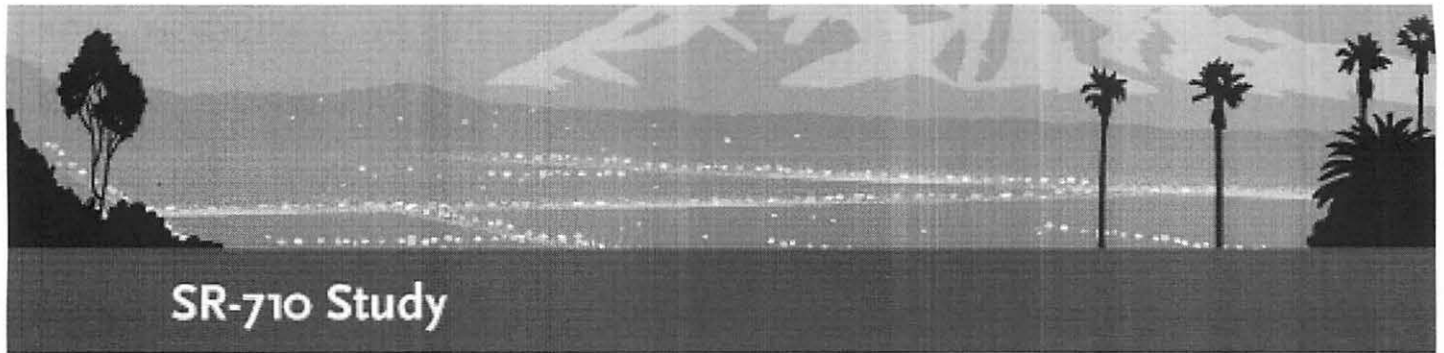


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STATE ROUTE 710 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

ATTACHMENT A

Meeting	Date	Venue	City/Community
All Communities Convening	March 1, 2012	Ramona Hall	Highland Park
All Communities Convening	March 3, 2012	East Los Angeles Library	East Los Angeles
Community Liaison Council	April 12, 2012	San Marino Center	San Marino
Community Liaison Council	April 16, 2012	La Crescenta Valley Library	La Crescenta
Community Liaison Council	April 17, 2012	El Monte Community Center	El Monte
Community Liaison Council	April 18, 2012	Alhambra Civic Center Library	Alhambra
Community Liaison Council	April 18, 2012	El Sereno Senior Center	El Sereno
Community Liaison Council	April 19, 2012	Ramona Hall	Highland Park
Community Liaison Council	April 19, 2012	Monrovia Library	Monrovia
Community Liaison Council	April 23, 2012	Chef's Center	Pasadena
Community Liaison Council	April 24, 2012	Garvey Community Center	Rosemead
Community Liaison Council	April 24, 2012	Mothers of East LA	Boyle Heights
Community Liaison Council	April 25, 2012	Garfield Youth House	South Pasadena
Community Liaison Council	April 26, 2012	Glassell Senior Center	Glassell Park
Community Liaison Council	April 30, 2012	La Cañada High School	La Cañada Flintridge
Stakeholder Outreach Advisory Committee	May 11, 2012	Metro	Los Angeles
Open House	May 14, 2012	El Sereno Senior Center	El Sereno
Open House	May 17, 2012	Eagle Rock Elementary	Eagle Rock
Open House	May 19, 2012	La Cañada High School	La Cañada Flintridge
Open House	May 22, 2012	El Monte Community Center	El Monte
Open House	May 23, 2012	South Pasadena Library	South Pasadena
Open House	May 24, 2012	First Baptist Church of Alhambra	Alhambra
Open House	May 30, 2012	Rose Bowl Locker Room	Pasadena
Stakeholder Outreach Advisory Committee	July 20, 2012	Metro	Los Angeles
Community Liaison Council	August 6, 2012	Ramona Hall	Highland Park
Community Liaison Council	August 8, 2012	Scottish Rite Center	Pasadena
Community Liaison Council	August 8, 2012	Alhambra Civic Center Library	Alhambra
Community Liaison Council	August 9, 2012	South Pasadena Library	South Pasadena
Community Liaison Council	August 9, 2012	El Sereno Public Library	El Sereno
Community Liaison Council	August 9, 2012	Monrovia Library	Monrovia
Community Liaison Council	August 13, 2012	La Cañada High School	La Cañada Flintridge



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STATE ROUTE 710 COMMUNITY MEETINGS (cont'd)

Special Requests (Meetings/Workshops, etc.)	Date & Time	Venue
Special Workshop on State Route 710 Study	August 13, 2012 at 6:30 pm	Pasadena Convention Center
Update on State Route 710 Study	August 15, 2012 at 6:00 pm	South Pasadena City Hall
State Route 710 Alternative Concepts	September 18, 2012 at 7:00 pm	Pasadena Convention Center
District 6 Quarterly Town Hall Meeting	September 25, 2012 at 6:30 pm	Westridge School, Pasadena

Open Houses	Date & Time	Venue
State Route 710 Study	October 18, 2012 at 6:00 pm	El Sereno Senior Citizen Center
State Route 710 Study	October 20, 2012 at 10:00 am	Maranatha High School, Pasadena

Other Opportunities for Public Participation include:

Project website: www.metro.net/sr710study

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SR710Study

Twitter: www.twitter.com/SR710Study