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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: STATE ROUTE 710 NORTH DRAFT EIR/EIS RELEASE DATE

ISSUE

The State Route 710 North Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (SR-710 North Draft EIR/EIS) will be released for public comment in February 2015.

DISCUSSION

The release date for the SR 710 North Draft EIR/EIS was originally planned for the spring of 2014, however, additional time was needed to calibrate and validate the 2012 regional model for use within the SR-710 study area. The finalization of the travel demand forecasts and completion of technical reports for the five alternatives under study was based on that model. Metro and Caltrans will release the Draft EIR/EIS in February 2015 given the necessary reviews and approvals that are required prior to incorporating the various technical reports into the Draft EIR/EIS for public review.

The Draft EIR/EIS will analyze five alternatives: 1) Bus Rapid Transit, 2) Light Rail Transit, 3) Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management, 4) a freeway tunnel and 5) No Build (only currently programmed projects).

Additionally, in response to community stakeholders who asked for additional time to consider the draft documents, the public review period will be doubled from the typical 45 days to 90 days. Metro and Caltrans want to provide the public ample opportunity to study and comment on the series of complex documents for addressing traffic and environmental impacts within east/northeast Los Angeles, the western San Gabriel Valley and the region generated by a 4 ½ mile gap in the original State Route 710 Freeway design that exists between Alhambra and Pasadena.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will provide periodic updates to the Board on the SR-710 North EIR/EIS schedule and process. Caltrans and Metro will continue to jointly engage and ensure public participation and community outreach throughout the duration of the SR-710 North EIR/EIS process.