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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON STATE ROUTE 710 NORTH DRAFT EIR/EIS RELEASE

ISSUE

Caltrans anticipates the State Route 710 North Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIR/EIS) will be released and circulated for public comments at the end of the month.

DISCUSSION

The release of the Draft EIR/EIS is one step toward finding a solution to relieve traffic congestion and related air pollutants in and beyond the Study Area. The Draft EIR/EIS incorporates the results of more than two dozen technical studies that detail traffic and other areas of environmental concern in the western San Gabriel Valley and East/Northeast Los Angeles communities, generally bounded by State Route 2, and Interstate Routes 5, 10, 210 and 605.

The Draft EIR/EIS will analyze potential environmental impacts and propose mitigation measures for the following five alternatives under consideration: 1) the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Alternative, 2) the Freeway Tunnel Alternative, 3) the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Alternative, 4) the No Build Alternative (only currently programmed projects), and 5) the Transportation System Management/ Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM) Alternative or operational improvements.

No decision will be made on a Preferred Alternative in the Draft EIR/EIS.

Stakeholders will have 90 days to review and comment on the Draft EIR/EIS by mail (in writing), during the two Public Hearings or electronically via Caltrans website. Public notices announcing the availability of the Draft EIR/EIS, and the dates and locations for the two Public Hearings will be published in newspapers in various languages throughout the Study Area.

The dates and locations for the two Public Hearings are as follows:

Saturday, April 11, 2015	Tuesday, April 14, 2015
East Los Angeles College, Ingalls Auditorium	Pasadena Convention Center, Ballroom
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
(Map Viewing 10:00 am - 11:00 am)	(Map Viewing 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm)

A direct link to the Caltrans website for accessing the Draft EIR/EIS, and online submission of comments will be made available to stakeholders. Also, the Metro website will contain additional information on the availability of the Draft EIR/EIS.

NEXT STEPS

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