

MOTION BY DIRECTORS FASANA AND RIDLEY-THOMAS  
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**WHEREAS** Caltrans has notified the US Forest Service of its proposal to terminate the State Route-39 Project and its intent to abandon the entire Route, and

**WHEREAS** in 2009 Caltrans approved the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) for State Route-39 (SR-39 San Gabriel Canyon Road) Rehabilitation/Reopening Project SR-39, in the Angeles National Forest, from just south of Snow Spring to State Route-2 (Post mile 40.0 to 44.4), which has been closed to the public since 1978 due to a massive rock and mudslide caused by heavy rains and floods, and

**WHEREAS** in September 2009, the CTC approved for future consideration of funding this project, which was described as a "project in Los Angeles County that will rehabilitate, re-open, and construct roadway improvements on Route 39 within the Angeles National Forest north of the City of Azusa, " and the project was fully funded and was programmed in the 2008 State Highway Operation and Protection Program for \$47,592,000, capital and support with construction was estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2011-12, and

**WHEREAS** SR-39 provides critical access to Angeles Forest not only for public access to recreational pursuits, but for access for fire suppression forces, search and rescue, emergency personnel, and Los Angeles County Flood Control efforts, and

**WHEREAS** Caltrans obtained a permit to construct, operate and maintain the portion of SR-39 on federal lands from the U.S. Forest Service sometime in the 1920's and the permit is still in effect, and

**WHEREAS** Caltrans would need State legislation in order to move forward with their proposed abandonment and furthermore, if Caltrans abandons the road they must restore it to its original condition or if Caltrans fails to restore the abandoned road, the USFS would be responsible for restoring it and would then bill Caltrans for the work per their permit wording;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Metro Board of Directors opposes any efforts, including State Legislation, by Caltrans to abandon State Route-39 and requests that Caltrans continue their efforts to complete the State Route-39 reopening Project.