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**SUBJECT: STATE ROUTE 710 NORTH DRAFT EIR/EIS – 5th PUBLIC HEARING
ADDED**

ISSUE

To promote further public participation, and in response to requests made by stakeholders representing the community of East Los Angeles, Caltrans has agreed to hold another public hearing for the State Route 710 North Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIR/EIS).

This will conclude a series of five public hearings held to solicit public input on the Draft EIR/EIS before the close of the public comment period on July 6, 2015. This 5th Public Hearing will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at David Wark Griffith Middle School located at 4765 East Fourth Street, East Los Angeles, CA. 90022. The map viewing will be held from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM, followed by a formal public hearing from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

DISCUSSION

Completion of the Draft EIR/EIS marks a major milestone in a project development process that started four years ago to alleviate mobility constraints in and beyond the State Route 710 corridor. The Draft EIR/EIS analyzes five alternatives: 1) the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Alternative, 2) the Freeway Tunnel Alternative, 3) the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Alternative, 4) the Transportation System Management/Transportation

Demand Management (TSM/TDM) Alternative, and 5) the No Build Alternative (only currently programmed projects).

On March 6, 2015, Caltrans, the lead agency responsible for meeting CEQA and NEPA requirements, agreed to extend the public comment period from the standard 45 days to 120 days to allow ample time for stakeholders to review and comment on the Draft EIR/EIS.

To date, Metro and Caltrans have hosted a total of four public hearings for the purpose of receiving public comments on the Draft EIR/EIS. More than 400 members of the public have attended the following public hearings:

- Saturday, April 11, 2015 at East Los Angeles College in Monterey Park
- Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at the Pasadena Convention Center in Pasadena
- Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at La Cañada High School in La Cañada-Flintridge
- Wednesday, May 7, 2015 at Los Angeles Christian Presbyterian Church in El Sereno

Public comments will be accepted by U.S. mail, in person at the public hearings or online by visiting <http://www.sr710northcomments.com/>. The direct link to the Draft EIR/EIS is: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/resources/envdocs/docs/710study/draft_eir-eis.

Additional information about the availability of the Draft EIR/EIS can be found by visiting the Metro website, <http://www.metro.net/sr710study>.

Please note the Draft EIR/EIS does not recommend or select a preferred alternative.

NEXT STEPS

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