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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**SUBJECT: SR-710 NORTH PROJECT UPDATE - FOCUSED RECIRCULATED
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/SUPPLEMENTAL
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (RDEIR/SDEIS)**

ISSUE

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) recently approved a Focused Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Focused RDEIR/SDEIS) for public circulation to document and address changes related to the cultural resources reported in the SR 710 North Draft EIR/EIS. The SR-710 North Draft EIR/EIS was released and circulated for public comments three years ago. Based on the comments received, Caltrans conducted further analyses to address any potential adverse effect to historic properties within the Cities of Pasadena, South Pasadena and Unincorporated East Los Angeles area.

This Focused RDEIR/SDEIS only includes portions of the Draft EIR/EIS that contains new information. The public will be provided a 45-day review period that starts on May 18, 2018 and ends on July 2, 2018.

The attached notice (Attachment A) advises the public of the availability of the Focused RDEIR/SDEIS as well as the Public Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Maranatha High School in Pasadena.

It is anticipated that the environmental process for the SR-710 North Project will be completed by the end of 2018.

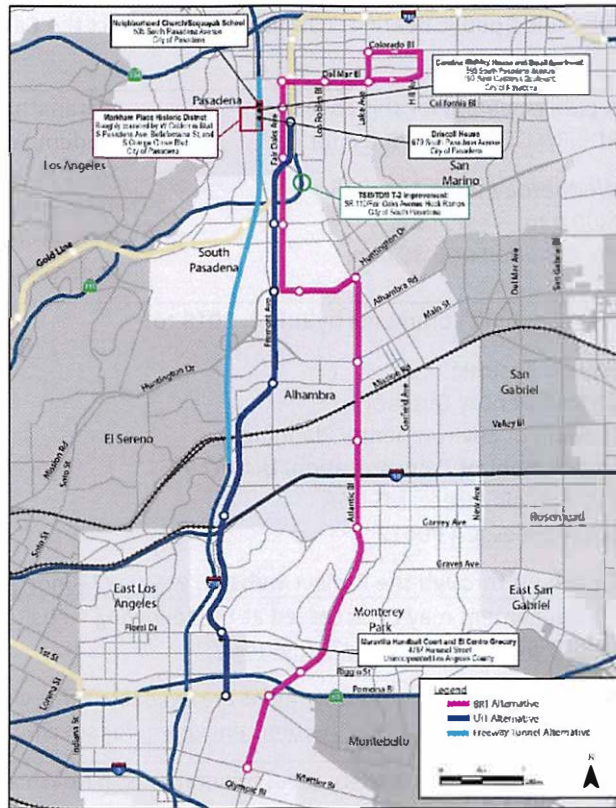
Staff will continue to provide periodic updates to the Board of Directors on the Project.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability Focused Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Focused RDEIR/SDEIS) Available for the State Route 710 (SR 710) North Project



What's Being Planned?

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), is proposing to find solutions to long standing traffic congestion and mobility constraints on State Route 710 (SR 710) in Los Angeles County, between State Route 2 (SR 2) and Interstates 5, 10, 210 and 605 (I-5, I-10, I-210, and I-605 respectively) in east/northeast Los Angeles and the western San Gabriel Valley. A Draft EIR/EIS was released for public comment in March 2015. Based on the comments received and new information, Caltrans has completed further analysis and identified an adverse effect to historic properties within the Cities of Pasadena, South Pasadena and unincorporated East Los Angeles. Based on this new information, a Focused RDEIR/SDEIS has been prepared for public review and comment. The proposed alternatives for the project include: The Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management Alternative (TSM/TDM), the Bus Rapid Transit Alternative (BRT), the Light Rail Transit Alternative (LRT) and the Freeway Tunnel Alternative.

Why This Ad?

Caltrans is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and also the lead agency as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Caltrans has recently approved a Focused RDEIR/SDEIS for public circulation to address significant changes to the findings on cultural resources.

ATTACHMENT A

<p>You are Invited</p>	<p>The public will be provided with a 45-day review period for the Focused RDEIR/SDEIS. Comments that are received on information provided in this Focused RDEIR/SDEIS will be addressed and included in the Final EIR/EIS for the SR 710 North Project along with the comments received on the Draft EIR/EIS.</p> <p>Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language Interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternative formats, etc.) are requested to contact Caltrans District 7, Attn: Jason Roach at (213) 897-0357 at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled public hearing. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TTY line at 711.</p>	
	<p>A public hearing for this Focused RDEIR/SDEIS is scheduled for:</p> <p>Wednesday, June 13, 2018 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. <i>Presentation at 6:30 p.m.</i></p>	<p>Maranatha High School Student Service Center 169 S St. John Ave. Pasadena, CA 91105 <i>Free onsite parking available in the underground school lot</i></p>
<p>Where You Come In</p>	<p>Please submit comments by July 2, 2018 to:</p> <p>Ronald Kosinski District Deputy Director Division of Environmental Planning Department of Transportation, District 7 100 S. Main Street, MS-16A Los Angeles, CA 90012</p> <p>Or submit through the Project website: www.sr710north-comments.com</p>	
<p>What's Available?</p>	<p>This document may be accessed at the following website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/d7/env-docs/</p> <p>Additional copies of this document are available for review at local libraries in the study area. See www.sr710north-comments.com for specific locations.</p>	
<p>Contact</p>	<p>For additional information, please contact Jason Roach at (213) 897-0357.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your interest in this transportation project.</p>		