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**SUBJECT: SR-710 NORTH FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FINAL EIR/EIS)**

ISSUE

Metro, in partnership with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), recently completed the final environmental document for the SR-710 selecting Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM) as the Preferred Alternative. The document was signed by Caltrans on Monday, November 26, 2018. Other alternatives studied included closing the freeway gap via a tunnel, bus rapid transit, and or passenger rail service.

The environmental process for the SR-710 North was initiated in 2011 by Metro and Caltrans following decades of unsuccessful efforts to identify investments to alleviate the escalating traffic congestion in east/northeast Los Angeles and western San Gabriel Valley.

NEXT STEPS

Now that the environmental document is approved, Metro, Caltrans, and the local agencies will expeditiously pursue implementation of freeway/roadway improvement projects to relieve congestion in the impacted communities. The immediate projects will include roadway operational improvements, local interchange improvements, local street intersection capacity enhancements, corridor traffic signal synchronization, and other similar projects that improve mobility.

Caltrans will complete the remaining steps in the SR-710 North environmental process by Spring 2019. Programming of funds to support the implementation of eligible mobility improvement projects will begin in fiscal year 2019-20. Funding will begin upon

completion of the remaining steps in the environmental process, absence of any legal barriers affecting the action, and availability of funds in each upcoming Fiscal Year.

Staff will provide periodic updates to the Board of Directors.