

STOP THE 710-210 EXPANSION!

Do you want this in your backyard?



It's coming your way!



What's this all about?

It's about an expansion of the 710 freeway, from Valley Blvd. in Alhambra to the 210 north of Del Mar Ave. in Pasadena, proposed by the California Department of Transportation (Cal Trans) and the LA Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro). There are roughly 4.9 miles between these two points. Metro is proposing to connect the points by building 2 freeway tunnels, with 4 lanes per tunnel, and charging drivers a toll to use them.

How will this affect me?

Vehicles that currently use other freeways--especially trucks moving cargo in and out of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach--would now **travel through Pasadena** using the tunnels if the expansion gets approved. The tunnels will:

- Bring **136,000 new vehicles a day** to Pasadena, many of them trucks. This will significantly increase congestion on the 210 and 134 freeways.
- **Increase traffic on neighborhood streets.** When drivers reach the tunnels and find they must pay a toll, they will get off the freeway and onto nearby streets. And since there are no exits for the entire length of the tunnels, local drivers won't want to use it.
- **Increase noise and pollution** in our neighborhoods, bringing increased health risks. The primary entrance and exit at the north end of the tunnels will be at **Mountain Ave.**
- Require **9-12 years of construction**: removing 5 million cubic yards of dirt (294,000 truckloads) through Pasadena, 7 days a week. This will change local traffic patterns and threaten the economic viability of nearby businesses, especially in Old Pasadena.
- Cost anywhere from **\$5,000,000,000 to \$12,000,000,000** for these 4.9 miles.

Is another new freeway really necessary?

No, not when there are good alternatives available. Adding more freeways just brings in **more** cars and trucks, not less. The more we depend on them for transport, the more it costs us all: in gasoline expenses, foreign oil dependence, car insurance premiums, parking fees, chronic gridlock, and the devastating health effects of pollution - these are all things we want to **get away from**, not increase. Public transportation and light rail are the smart ways to do that.

Why is this urgent now?

This idea has been around for decades and has never seriously gotten off the ground--until now. Metro has a plan to finance the project and they're in the advanced stages of a study. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be released this **Spring, 2014**. We need to unite **now** and tell Metro, Caltrans, and politicians that we are opposed to this project.

Who's putting out this flyer?

We are people who live in District 1. We are one of many neighborhood groups in Pasadena and nearby cities who would be severely affected by a freeway expansion. We've decided we don't want to have an intrusive, expensive, harmful, and unnecessary construction project that will inconvenience us and **negatively impact our neighborhoods, our schools, our roads, and our city for at least 10 years to come**. And when that construction is done, we'll be stuck with **thousands of more vehicles and their pollution** for the rest of our lives. It's just not right and we're working to prevent it.

What can I do?

The best thing to do is to find out more about it. You can be added to our email list so we can keep you aware of the status of the project, give you updated information, and so on. You can begin to learn more by visiting the websites listed below. You can tell your friends and neighbors about what's being proposed.

You're Invited!

We're holding a community meeting. We urge you to come by, meet us, hear more about what's going on, and ask questions. We've also invited Metro to go over their plans.

Please join us at: **The Media Center at the Rose Bowl** Date: **November 9, 2013**
1001 Rose Bowl Dr., Pasadena Time: **10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Free parking in Lot F, just left of Rose Bowl main entrance. Enter through Gate A. If assistance is needed, ask at guard booth.

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