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NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION

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The San Rafael Neighborhoods Association (SRNA) mission is to enhance and maintain the character and quality of all San Rafael neighborhoods through advocacy and an activated community.

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710 UPDATE AND UPCOMING MEETINGS: By John and Monica Shaffer

We have made significant progress in protecting our neighborhoods from the 710 Freeway, but



more work needs to be done. Although Metro Staff has recommended that the proposed 710 Freeway routes through the San Rafael/Avenue 64 neighborhoods be removed from further study, that decision has yet to be submitted to Metro's Board. No final decision has been made, and we have not received a clear answer from Metro Staff as to when that decision will be made. We learned on Tuesday that the Metro Board might take up the issue in early December,

MEETINGS

710 Metro Board Meeting

VERY IMPORTANT

**Thursday, September 27 9:00 am
(plan to arrive before 8:30)**

Metro Board Room - 3rd Floor

Gateway Plaza, downtown Los Angeles (next to Union Station - ride the Gold Line directly there, or park by entering on the East (Vignes Street) side)

710 Forum Meeting

South Pasadena

Wednesday, September 26 - 7:00 PM

South Pasadena High School Auditorium
1401 Fremont Avenue

NFL Rose Bowl Draft EIR Input Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting

Thursday, September 27-6:30 PM

Rose Bowl Media Center

1001 Rose Bowl Drive

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but we do not have confirmation of that.

In addition, Metro Staff has recommended further study of the F-7 tunnel route from El Sereno to Pasadena (coming to the surface by Huntington Hospital). Metro recently disclosed that this route could bring about 200,000 additional cars and trucks into Pasadena each day, many of which would continue on the 134 Freeway through our neighborhoods. There also could be significant, additional cut through traffic on residential streets, including La Loma and Linda Vista.

We must continue to make our concerns known to the Metro Board and other elected officials. Please continue to send emails and letters. Your concerns are being heard, as just yesterday Congressman Schiff announced his opposition to the freeway extension and tunnel F7. But there are still many special interest groups supporting the tunnel who will make billions of dollars building it.

There are two upcoming meetings. The most important in terms of influencing the Metro Board is the next Metro Board meeting: SEE MEETING NOTICE ON TOP RIGHT.

This is our opportunity to let the Metro Board know directly that we believe there are better alternatives to traffic congestion than freeways and highways through our neighborhoods. We have made an impact on both the Pasadena City Council and the Los Angeles City Council when we have worked together and made our views known at their meetings. Let's do the same here - everyone wear red and arrive early (well before 8:30) so that we can make a show of force!

In addition, if you are interested in getting more information and were unable to attend the Pasadena forum on Tuesday, the

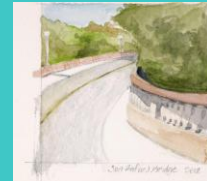
NFL Rose Bowl Draft EIR Input

NFL Rose Bowl Draft EIR Input Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting

Tuesday, October 2- 6:30 PM
1001 Rose Bowl Drive
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Rose Bowl/NFL UPDATE: Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) By Ron Paler



The SRNA Board of Directors voted to OPPOSE the proposed temporary use of the Rose Bowl by the National Football League (NFL). SRNA joins the Linda Vista Annandale Association (LVAA) in this action. This position is supportive of The Governors Advisory Panel Report from the Urban Land Institute (ULI) urging Pasadena not to offer the Rose Bowl as a temporary NFL home.

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was prepared at an estimated cost of \$400,000 to assess the environmental impact of the NFL in the Rose Bowl. An amendment to the Arroyo Seco Public Lands Ordinance of the City's Municipal Code would also be required to increase the number of large events at the Rose Bowl from 12 to 25 to accommodate the NFL games.

On Wednesday, September 19, SRNA President Ron Paler attended the Pasadena Planning Commission and expressed concerns with the draft environmental impact report (DEIR) during public comment. Approximately 35 members of the public attended the Planning Commission meeting. Concerns that the DEIR does not adequately address police and fire protection issues, especially in light of the closure of Fire Station 39 and the lack of a Fire Engine based in the San Rafael area, were raised by several speakers. Land use issues, recreation concerns, and historic and cultural concerns and how they were (or were not) addressed by the DEIR were also noted by many speakers. The Planning Commission itself expressed concerns with the DEIR. All of the public comments expressed opposition to the NFL/Rose Bowl proposal and/or addressed perceived inadequacies with the DEIR. The DEIR can be viewed in its entirety here:

http://www.cityofpasadena.net/Rose_Bowl_EIR/

City of South Pasadena will be holding a similar forum on Wednesday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m. SEE MEETING NOTICE ON TOP RIGHT for details.

The NFL/Rose Bowl DEIR is scheduled for review by the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC), and Parks and Recreation Commission in upcoming meetings. (See above for meeting dates). The Pasadena City Council is anticipated to address the issue and the DEIR on November 19, 2012.

SRNA will continue to support friends in Linda Vista while working to maintain and enhance the character and quality of life for all of West Pasadena.

FIRE STATION 39 UPDATE: By Stan Clark



- 513 days have elapsed without a fire station & Engine 39.
- The City has stated that the bid to award the contract for the retro should go out the week of September 24, 2012.
- The award of the construction contract is expected in October 2012, and construction is slated to begin in January of 2013.
- A Public Works schedule shows a grand opening of the Fire Station in the 4th quarter of 2013

SRNA will continue to monitor the progress of the Fire Station every step of the way until the station is re-opened. Restoration of Engine 39 in Fire Station 39 is essential to ensure public safety in the San Rafael area

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