



April 13th, 2015

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR REGARDING
METRO'S REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS FOR PASADENA
AND YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO AFFECT THE OUTCOME . . .**

**City Council Meeting
Public Input Needed**

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From: Bill Bogaard

Subject: SR-710 Announcement: Public Input Needed - April 13 & 14, 2015

Date: April 1, 2015 at 10:21:52 AM PDT

To: undisclosed-recipients;

Dear Friend:

I want to make available the attached notice of two important public meetings this month-- Monday and Tuesday, April 13 and 14--regarding the long pending proposed project for extending the 710 freeway from Alhambra to Pasadena. Both of the meetings take place in the Pasadena Convention Center.

In my mind, it is now clear that a freeway project, whether on the surface or in a tunnel, is completely outmoded and would fail to provide congestion relief in our area. In this 21st century, I believe commuters and other travelers want to get out of their cars and avoid the costs, the time requirements, the risks, and the loss of time for productive activities associated with auto travel.

It is also clear that the tunnel is not affordable, if other needed transit projects are to be constructed in the near future. At half the cost, significant traffic and transit improvements can be achieved that increase mobility options in our area and provide alternatives to the automobile to commuters and others for getting around our area.

In this day and age, alternatives to the automobile should be the priority for investing precious transportation funding.

An alternative approach to the 710 tunnel, serving Pasadena and the entire region, will be presented at the City Council meeting on April 13. It was recently developed by the Pasadena SR 710 Alternatives Working Group, which will present its findings at the meeting. I hope a large number of stakeholders--anyone who needs to go to work, study, shop or travel for any purpose--will attend that meeting to learn about the alternatives and to offer comments.

This is the time for community members who care to step forward and advocate for the right transportation priorities. Please let me know if you have any questions about these important meetings and the important issues they address. I can be contacted at any time at <bbogaard@cityofpasadena.net>.

Sincerely,

Bill

[Attached Notice](#)

Please forward this important message to your neighborhood distribution lists so everyone can be informed of the meetings.



**SR-710 ANNOUNCEMENT: PUBLIC INPUT NEEDED
THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

Monday, April 13, 2015
Pasadena City Council Meeting
Pasadena Convention Center
300 E. Green Street
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14, 2015
Metro Public Meeting
Pasadena Convention Center
Map Viewing: 5-6 p.m.
Public Hearing: 6-9 p.m.

Written comments by July 6, 2015 to Mr. Garrett Damrath, Chief Environmental Planner,
Division of Environmental Planning, Department of Transportation, District 7, 100 S. Main St,
MS-16A, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Or go online to submit e-mail comments at:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/disto7/resources/envdocs/docs/710study/draft_eir-eis/comments.php

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Metro Smoke Towers



Metro proposed smoke ventilation towers to be located in West Pasadena on Colorado Blvd between Pasadena Avenue and St. John Avenue.

A copy of Metro's DEIR is available at the Pasadena Central Library, 285 E Walnut Street.

To access the DEIR (26,625 pages), go here: www.cityofpasadena.net/sr710/

To sign the petition: <http://tinyurl.com/kaczyu9>

**Make your voice heard on this important impact project to Pasadena.
Attend one of the meetings above.**

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