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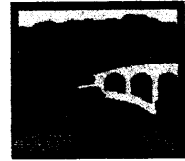
Dear Mayor, City Council, City Manager, City Clerk & Staff,

Please see the attached letter from San Rafael Neighborhoods Association (SRNA) regarding the tunnel option that is threatening the City of Pasadena. We support the approval of item #15 on Monday's agenda to allocate \$50,000 for a MOU. We remain opposed to F 7 (the tunnel option) as previously stated on numerous occasions.

As a side note, Pasadena passed a no plastic bag ordinance due to concerns for the environment and yet the tunnel is far more menacing and destructive to the entire city. It is time to take an aggressive role against the tunnel option.

Sincerely,

Stan Clark
Treasurer
San Rafael Neighborhoods Association, (SRNA)



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NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION

Mayor Bill Bogaard
City Council
City of Pasadena
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Jan 9, 2014

Dear Mayor Bogaard & City Council,

The San Rafael Neighborhoods Association, (SRNA) Board of Directors and our membership are concerned about the impacts of the proposed 710 freeway extension on Pasadena's residential neighborhoods. We understand that until the EIR is released sometime in March or April of 2014 we do not know for certainty which of the five alternatives will be chosen, yet it seems very clear that the tunnel option is the preferred solution by Los Angeles County Metro.

We are counting on the City of Pasadena to ensure that the potential impacts to Pasadena are analyzed thoroughly, that the public has adequate input in the EIR analysis process and that the results of this analysis are shared with Metro and the public.

Our concerns are for impacts city wide. Impacts such as; increased air pollution, increased traffic congestion, lengthy construction near Old Pasadena businesses, and impacts to the quality of life at nearby schools. We feel strongly that the City needs to develop a plan by which the public comments and the City's response to the draft EIR will be fully accomplished.

We are aware that Pasadena and surrounding cities are planning on reviewing the EIR jointly but this will be a regional analysis. If the tunnel option is selected, the impacts to the entire city are potentially severe. We recommend that the City conduct an independent study of the draft EIR to carefully determine local impact. We also urge the City to establish an open process through which Pasadena residents can comment on the draft EIR and on the City's response. We recommend city commissions or a special task force and civic organizations to be involved.

If your office and the City Council are going to serve its residents in this EIR process and spare the City from long term horrendous impacts the tunnel option will have to our environment, health, and prosperity, then these are areas that need to be addressed in the very near future. A detailed plan for assessing the draft EIR that includes but not limited to;

- A process for incorporating public comments in the City response to the draft EIR
- Suggested mitigation measures for significant local impacts.
- How the City will manage unmitigated impacts if any.
- Input from city retail businesses, museums, restaurants and events locations
- The potential health risks associated with the tunnel project

SRNA took the lead to oppose the 710 expansion and we look forward to you and the City Council taking an equally aggressive lead in planning its address to the draft EIR. It will be a terrible outcome for Pasadena if the tunnel option is selected and we don't begin to plan our response today.

Sincerely,

Stan Clark for;

Ron Paler, MD.
President

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From: Bill Urban <bill.urban@gmail.com>
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Subject: City Council Agenda Item 15 "Appropriate \$50,000 From the Unappropriated Fund..."

Dear Honorable Mayor Bogaard and Pasadena City Council,

The West Pasadena Residents' Association (WPRA) is grateful for the actions you are taking to prepare for review of the SR-710 DEIR (Draft Environmental Impact Report). We hope and trust that you will approve the \$50,000 allocation on the agenda tonight and direct a high priority and substantial resources to Pasadena's own review.

As we mentioned in our letter of November 12, 2013, the DEIR is expected to be voluminous, technical and complex, with 5 major alternatives identified and at least 6 sub-options for just the highway tunnel alternatives. Many of these alternatives, especially those involving highway tunnels, are expected to have severe and permanent impacts on our city; our businesses, especially in Old Pasadena; and the quality of life for residents.

The City of Pasadena itself must evaluate the DEIR for local Pasadena impacts. You should make full use of the substantial expertise available in the City staff and in City commissions, especially traffic and planning.

With those thoughts in mind, we respectfully request that you

- Approve the \$50,000 appropriation.
- Direct Pasadena City staff and commissions to independently analyze areas where Pasadena is uniquely affected, including
 - Local traffic disruptions (which City staff knows better than anyone and which Metro seems to minimize),
 - Impact on local business -- even though that is not part of DEIR, it is very real,
 - Possible mitigations for unique impacts on Pasadena,
 - Reasons why impacts that Metro lists as "unavoidable environmental impacts" are either avoidable or do not outweigh the benefits of the highway tunnel options.
- Provide a process for Pasadena residents to submit comments to the City as well as to Metro. We trust the City of Pasadena much more than Metro. Remember Metro's performance at the council meeting held in the convention center last year? That is why.

Thank you for considering our request.

Bill Urban
WPRA President

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Subject: RE: January 13 Pasadena City Council Meeting

From: Tom Kosakowski [mailto:kosakowski@earthlink.net]

Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 2:46 PM

To: Bogaard, Bill; Madison, Steve

Subject: January 13 Pasadena City Council Meeting

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Council Member Madison

I strongly support adoption of item #15 on the agenda:

Finance Committee

15. **APPROPRIATE \$50,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR FUNDING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITY MANAGERS OF THE CITIES OF GLENDALE, LA CAÑADA-FLINTRIDGE, SIERRA MADRE, SOUTH PASADENA AND PASADENA TO SHARE RESOURCES AND INFORMATION REGARDING ISSUES RELATED TO THE SR-710 NORTH STUDY**

Recommendation: Appropriate \$50,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance of the General Fund to Budget Account No. 101-141000 (City Manager's Office) which represents the City's pro-rata share for participating with the Cities of Glendale, La Cañada-Flintridge, Sierra Madre, and South Pasadena, to provide resources and information regarding issues related to the SR-710 North Study.

A 710 tunnel would be an environmental disaster for Pasadena and a long-term financial problem for Southern California.

With best regards,

Tom J Kosakowski
Pasadena, CA