

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Both the PLUM Committee and the City Council have approved the Metro Transit Communications Network Program. However, these decisions were made without waiting to review the required EIR for the program now underway at METRO -- the agency responsible for the environmental review. How could the City take action without the benefit of the EIR and its look at impacts, alternatives and potential mitigations? The action taken would appear to be premature and irresponsible. In the City's haste to get a share of dangerous digital billboard revenues, and with no outreach to communities that will be affected by the placement of non-freeway facing digital billboards, and with no regard as to the safety hazards associated with changing digital billboards, this is simply bad policy and terrible process. There should be a public process to consider the program at the City AFTER the EIR has been completed. And, it must also be noted that the notice for the scoping period was not well circulated and communities were unaware of the deadline for comments. This will be taken up with Metro.