

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The Metro Board's vote on the TCN Program MUST BE PULLED FROM TODAY'S CONSENT CALENDAR and sent to LA City to allow for proper public hearings and stakeholder input and to allow new City and County officials to get up to speed on this project and the truly important issues that surround it. We are talking about the future of our City! The Final Environmental Impact Report is fatally flawed, and public notice has been fatally inadequate! This program if permitted to go forward will undermine the existing sign ordinance. It will be a hazard to drivers. It will pollute our environment. And it offers no public benefits -- quite the contrary. The proposed takedown ratio is pathetic. And MOST APPALLING OF ALL IS THE PROPOSAL TO SITE DIGITAL BILLBOARDS IN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS INCLUDING THE BALLONA WETLANDS! After the years-long battle over sign districts and digital billboards, this back room deal is a gift to the billboard industry and its lobbyists, without even a pretense of competitive bidding. There is no justifying this project. Take the TCN Program off the fast track now and give it the analysis such an impactful and precedent-setting proposal is due. Mark Stratton, on behalf of himself and Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners' Association BASPOA Community Liaison