

Resolution

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960's, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) began purchasing properties north of the SR-710 freeway in order to connect it with the SR-210 in Pasadena, named the "State Route 710 Terminus Project;" and

WHEREAS, the proposal displaced many El Sereno residents through eminent domain and engendered ongoing controversy over the years; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Caltrans determined that traffic light and intersection improvements, along with other local roadway improvements, would replace the plan to construct a freeway connection; and

WHEREAS, as funding for the SR 710 gap closure was no longer required, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority (Metro) recently allocated more than \$1 billion in local, state, and federal funds to the Cities of Alhambra, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, South Pasadena, and the City and County of Los Angeles, for alternative local and regional projects; and

WHEREAS, Senator Maria Elena Durazo introduced SB 710 to require Caltrans to establish and administer a Terminus Regional Planning Committee (TRP) that would meet quarterly and complete and submit a report to the Legislature on issues of traffic and potential land use related to land originally purchased for the "State Route 710 Terminus Project;" and

WHEREAS, the composition of the TRP Committee would include representatives from the City of Alhambra, the City of Los Angeles (including the LA-32 Neighborhood Council), the County of Los Angeles, Metro, and one community-based organization; and

WHEREAS, it is critical for the affected communities to participate in the process to consider the types of projects, programs, and improvements for the land in this area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-24 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for SB 710 (Durazo), which would require the California Department of Transportation to establish and administer a Terminus Regional Planning Committee to prepare a report for the Legislature relative to potential land uses associated with the former "State Route 710 Terminus Project."

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