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As one of the writers of no710.com, I would caution you to weigh your decision to support the extension of the I-710 Freeway VERY CAREFULLY. For the past four years I have done a great deal of research on this topic and am troubled by the determination to push this project through with little regard to the communities affected.

While the environmental studies for the I-710 and the SR-710 "Gap Closure" projects are being conducted separately, we all understand that the projects will have cumulative environmental impacts that are not being considered in the studies. Merely moving the traffic congestion from your neighborhood to mine is not the most effective transportation solution and will not help anyone. Studies show that increasing road capacity DOES NOT equate to a reduction in traffic congestion. By Metro's own reports

and independent traffic analyses, it is projected that this 6.3 mile segment will have extremely high traffic volumes with a Level of Service F from opening day forward. I am sure that you went to school and understand that F usually indicates failure.

As you well know, both projects are being planned to ease the flow of commerce. There are far more beneficial methods to moving goods that do not clog our freeway systems. The money saved from rejecting the SR-710 Extension could be used for more modern, 21st century solutions.

I urge you to oppose both the expansion of the I-710 and extension of the SR-710 Freeways. Please consider more fiscally and environmentally responsible transportation solutions. We all deserve better.

Sincerely,

Susan Bolan

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