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Subject: NO to 710 completion

Hello

I am a homeowner that lives on the other end of the 710, about a mile from where it ends at Valley Blvd. The purpose for extending the 710 is still unclear to me. One story is it'll be good for Long Beach truck traffic, but with a toll, as Metro states, and with more traffic like what is

there on the 210 heading east, it's going to be counterproductive. As it would connect traffic going east through Pasadena and Sierra Madre on the 210, all the way to the 15 is a parking lot in the afternoons and morning rush hour. In fact, I think the 710 is currently the most convenient freeway because it's short and a straight shot. I've not once been in traffic that wasn't due to construction on the 710. Being stuck in a tunnel as they are backed up on the 210 is not something that truckers are going to appreciate and they'll just find an alternate route. From a commuter's perspective, the streets work just fine and there IS no traffic on them.

I would rather see light rail rather than a traffic tunnel going under our backyards. The gold line could then be linked to the blue line to Long Beach or have a San Gabriel Valley line, harkening back to the glory days when LA had one of the best public transportation systems in the country, with trolley lines all the way to the ocean.

Please vote NO on the 710 tunnel or completion. Your time, energy and money devoted to this project can be better used in another way.

Thank you.

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A single blade of grass shows which way the wind blows. - Anon.