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Subject: Do not endorse the 710 tunnel

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Dear Mr. Herrera,

I urge the Long Beach City Council not to endorse Metro's 710 tunnel option to connect the 710 and 210. While Metro has

I live in Pasadena and I can tell you that the 210 is a heavily congested corridor. The huge increase in traffic came when the 210/15 connection was completed. Metro projects that the proposed tunnel will bring 140,000 cars and trucks per day through the corridor. The increase in traffic and consequent pollution to all communities along the corridor will be devastating.

Metro speaks out of both sides of the mouth. They state that the tunnel will facilitate goods movement while stating that there will be few or no trucks. They state that they are evaluating the performance of the tunnel with and without truck traffic.

In order to finance this project Metro admits it will be a tolled roadway. We know that many drivers will take surface streets in order to avoid a toll. Many trucks will avoid the toll as well thus undercutting the goal of goods movement.

There are other options for goods movement that would benefit all the communities along the I-710 corridor and prevent the communities of the 210 corridor from experiencing the same environmental and health damage that the I-710 corridor has suffered.; for example, clean, quiet electric rail transport systems.

The tunnel is a bad idea, an expensive idea diverting money from more worthy

projects.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Audrey O'Kelley  
Pasadena resident