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Larry Herrera:

I live in Pasadena and the proposed tunnel will take 10 years to build and dump pollution onto our community, the Huntington Hospital and half a dozen schools in the area.

The closure will add 140,000 vehicles per day to the 210 freeway which is already a parking lot in the morning and afternoon traffic.

Metro has denied that trucks will be using the gap closure. That SR-70 is intended to relieve local traffic congestion yet the 4.5 mile tunnel through earthquake faults and an aquifer will have no outlets except at each end.

Metro says the tunnel will be paid for with a joint effort of government and private investors but this union has not been a successful joint venture in other areas where it's been tried (e.g., Orange County). Tolls will be levied and local traffic will not use the tunnel or pay the tolls. The cost of the project is a well-kept secret. What isn't a secret is when the project fails to pay for itself, the cost will come back to the taxpayers.

There are other options for goods movement (for example, by clean, quiet electric rail transport systems) that would benefit ALL the communities of 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.

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