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Mayor Foster; Councilmembers Garcia, Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske, Andrews, Johnson, Austin and Neal; City Manager West,

I am writing to request that you **DO NOT APPROVE** item **13-0852**, the resolution in support of the completion of the I-710 Freeway extension. **Instead please support clean rail options for freight and goods movement**, and transit options for passengers.

Building a tollway, tunnel, or freeway connecting the 710 and 210 freeways will encourage even more port truck traffic through I-710 corridor cities.

A completely different solution is needed, one that takes trucks off our urban roadways, reduces vehicle miles traveled, and is more efficient and sustainable.

More car and truck traffic means more noise, more pollution, and worse health impacts. Our region should not be building capacity for more of the same. As we've seen over and over, building more freeways redistributes traffic but does not reduce it.

We should be supporting and building sustainable solutions for moving goods and moving people. Modern options for goods movement such as zero-emission electric rail transport systems would benefit ALL the communities of the I-710 corridor and the SR-710 study area.

Finally, Measure R money that is not spent on the 710 extension can be transferred and applied to transit and alternative transportation projects that would benefit Long Beach and the entire region.

Sincerely,
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