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Subject: Please DO NOT APPROVE a resolution in support of a SR-710 extension (10-01-13 agenda item 13-0852)

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

I am writing to encourage you **NOT TO APPROVE** item **13-0852**, a 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.

Whether a tunnel or other form of freeway, a connection between the 710 and 210 freeways will allow for and encourage the massive volume of port truck traffic that I-710 corridor cities suffer from, as well as dramatically increase traffic levels on the I-210 east and west.

As you know, there are various other options for goods movement - for example, clean, quiet, zero-emission electric rail transport systems or the GRID Project - that would benefit ALL the communities of the I-710 corridor and SR-710.

Creating highway capacity merely stimulates demand (the phenomena known as "induced demand"). More car and truck traffic means more noise, more pollution, and worse health impacts – period. Building more freeway miles relocates traffic but does not reduce it.

In addition, Measure R money that is not spent on the 710 extension can be transferred and applied to projects that would directly benefit the citizens and City of Long Beach.

Respectfully,
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