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Subject: "Completion" of 710

I am a resident of Pasadena and I ask that your mayor and city council members (please pass this note to them) reconsider any motion to support the connection of the 710 freeway to the 210 freeway. I recognize that your council members may see this as a way to move goods from the port of Long Beach, but Metro has stated that connection of these two freeways is NOT intended to complete a "goods corridor." They are also considering imposing a toll on this tunnel connection, which will most likely be a deterrent to truck usage.

I also ask you to consider that this tunnel is designed to divert more traffic onto the 210 from the 10 and the 5 freeways and unfortunately, this will complete the transition of the 210 in the neighborhood of Pasadena into much more of a parking lot. The 210 already resembles the 405 and is almost impassable at many times of the day. This tunnel will also have a devastating effect on the environment of Pasadena and we ask that our sister city of Long Beach please not vote for putting this burden on our city. The tremendous cost of this tunnel (estimates are approaching 14 billion dollars, and estimates generally are low) can much better be spent on rail solutions to move your goods and light rail to move our people. We need to be getting all of us out of our cars, not building another clogged artery. Thank you for your consideration of this position.

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