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Dear Ms. Dunning:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is pleased to inform you of our continued assignment of consultation responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for federally funded highway projects. An important step in this assignment is the transmittal of the enclosed I-710 South Administrative Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Admin. FEIR/FEIS). This project is covered by the NEPA Assignment MOU, FHWA has assigned and Caltrans has assumed FHWA responsibility for environmental review, consultation, and coordination on this project.

Caltrans, in cooperation with our partners, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, the Southern California Association of Governments, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and the Interstate 5 Joint Powers Authority, are proposing to improve Interstate 710 (I-710) in Los Angeles County between Ocean Blvd. and State Route 60 (SR-60). Caltrans is the lead agency under NEPA as well as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Please access the Interstate 710 Corridor Administrative Final EIR/EIS through the following link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/ij8lmy40m63i4exeywdcv/h?rlkey=0ulo3rd9050v xv9x9li nynpea&dl=0>

This document is currently undergoing final refinements. Caltrans identified the "No Build/No Action" alternative as the preferred alternative. As such, the project is not anticipated to have impacts. However, the analysis of the build alternatives is

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preserved in the Admin. FEIR/FEIS to show a complete record of the process. Please note there are several Spanish translations of responses to comments included in Appendix V which have not yet been updated. The translations will be updated prior to public availability of the Final EIR/EIS. Caltrans is inviting you for an early review of the document. Per 23 CFR 771, as a Cooperating and Participating Agency, you are enabled to discharge your jurisdictional responsibilities or expertise. Caltrans expects that at the end of the process, the EIS will satisfy your NEPA requirements.

Please provide any comments on the Administrative Final EIR/EIS by November 1st, 2023.

If you have questions regarding the proposed project or attachments, please contact Jason Roach at (213) 310-2653.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

1. Administrative Final EIR/EIS (via Dropbox link)