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Motion by:

FASANA, BARGER, SOLIS, GARCETTI and NAJARIAN

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Relating to Item 29; File ID 2017-0097: SR-710 North

The Expenditure Plan for Measure R, approved by voters in 2008, included \$780 million assigned to the San Gabriel Valley sub-region for the SR-710 North project, under the Highway Capital Subfund. The estimated \$3+ billion (in 2014\$) that will be required to pay for design and construction of a single bore freeway tunnel is not available and the BRT and LRT alternatives may not produce the expected traffic impact mitigation.

CONSIDER Revised Motion by Fasana, Barger, Solis, Garcetti and Najarian that to implement mobility improvements that are fundable with existing resources and bring some relief to affected corridor cities, the Metro Board:

- A. **SUPPORT** adoption of the Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management Alternative as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and defer a decision on any other alternative for future consideration by the Board until the community collectively agrees on the value of that investment and funds are identified to implement a project. This decision and the Board's vote will allow for timely implementation of cost-effective transportation improvements that would include the projects that have support by affected jurisdictions on the TSM/TDM list in the EIS/EIR as well as additional improvement projects that can promote capacity enhancements and operational improvements consistent with the Purpose and Need statement of the project in communities along the corridor. The new Measure R and Government Code 54237.7 projects, described in this motion, that are not included in the environmental document will undergo their own environmental process and clearance as necessary.
- B. **ALLOCATE** \$105 million of Measure R funds available for the "Interstate 710 North Gap Closure (tunnel) Project" for development and implementation of TSM/TDM projects listed in the EIS/EIR.
- C. **ALLOCATE** remaining Measure R funds available for the "Interstate 710 North Gap Closure

(tunnel) Project” for new mobility improvement projects within the San Gabriel Valley sub-region, if consistent with the purpose and need of the Gap Closure Project to relieve congestion on local streets along the SR-710 alignment between I-10 and I-210, with highest priority for projects proximate to I-10. Newly proposed projects not included in the environmental document will undergo their own environmental process and clearance as necessary. Other funding dedicated to this project, including Regional Surface Transportation, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, and Regional Improvement Program funds, shall be allocated for use in the Central sub-region, including Unincorporated East Los Angeles. Funds shall be prioritized for multi-modal and safety enhancement projects within the SR-710 North Study Area. To ensure equitable cashflow, these funds shall be scheduled proportionally to Measure R funding in the next Long Range Transportation Plan update.

- D. CONSULT WITH affected jurisdictions and Caltrans and report back to the Metro Board within 90 days on a procedure to initiate the identification of projects to be funded through the SR-710 Rehabilitation Account, as prescribed in Government Code 54237.7. Such projects are to be located in Pasadena, South Pasadena, Alhambra, La Cañada Flintridge, and the 90032 postal ZIP Code, and may include, but are not limited to: sound walls; transit and rail capital improvements; bikeways; pedestrian improvements; signal synchronization; left turn signals; and major street resurfacing, rehabilitation, and reconstruction. Metro shall be responsible for submitting the list of projects to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) who will have the final authority to approve those projects.
- E. ENCOURAGE the corridor cities, Caltrans, and Metro to collectively pursue policies and actions that would promote smart and functional land use, reduce automobile dependency, encourage multi-modal trips, improve traffic operations, and maximize the use of the latest available technologies to enhance the performance of the existing transportation system to minimize impacts of the regional traffic on the communities along the SR-710 corridor.
- F. ENCOURAGE Caltrans, working with Metro and affected jurisdictions, to identify corrective measures to contain the regional traffic on the freeway system and minimize impacts on the local street network in the SR-710 corridor.
- G. DIRECT the Metro staff to work with Caltrans, the corridor cities, and other affected jurisdictions to identify and pursue the new Measure R and the Government Code 54237.7 projects referenced in this motion.
- H. REPORT BACK to the Board when Caltrans selects the Preferred Alternative.