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SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 7 (PORTANTINO)

Senate Bill 7 (SB 7), introduced by Senator Anthony Portantino, will require surplus nonresidential Caltrans properties for State Route 710 in the County of Los Angeles to be offered to current nonprofit and city tenants in good standing at fair market value, as determined relative to the current use of the property, and it would prohibit the department from implementing a freeway tunnel or surface freeway or expressway for Route 710 between Route 10 and Route 210.

SB 7 will significantly help in addressing some major areas of uncertainty, providing clarity for tenants of Caltrans nonresidential surplus properties and creating a path forward to facilitate the easing of local congestion.

In 2017, the Los Angeles County Metro Board of Directors approved the transportation system management/transportation demand management (TSM/TDM) alternative as the locally preferred alternative for the SR-710 North project, authorizing the use of Measure R and other sources of funding to implement TSM/TDM projects, and allowing for the submission of additional mobility improvement projects by affected cities and unincorporated areas, pending certification of the environmental impact report (EIR) by Caltrans.

On November 28, 2018 Caltrans certified the SR-710 North EIR, adopting the TSM/TDM alternative as the preferred alternative to a tunnel, essentially ending decades of debate and contention within the project corridor.

Affected communities are now beginning to move forward with efforts to address the impacts of traffic on local surface streets, which have increased substantially over the decades of impasse.

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There is still much work to be done in partnership with local agencies, non-profits, L.A. County Metro and the state to develop these critical projects, and it is imperative that a level of consistent dialogue and coordination be fostered and maintained between all parties.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the CEO to draft a five-signature letter in support of Senate Bill 7 (Portantino) that also emphasizes the importance of maintaining consistent dialogue and coordination between all affected local agencies, non-profits, L.A. County Metro, Cal State University Los Angeles, and other appropriate state agencies.

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