

SR-710 GAP CLOSURE PROJECT

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND NEED

Introduction

The following is intended to serve as a Preliminary Statement of the Need and Purpose for an SR-710 North Gap Closure Project. This Statement has been prepared solely for the purpose of initiating discussions during the scoping process for the Project, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors' Motion of June 24, 2010. It should be understood that this Statement is preliminary in nature and will be subject to further substantiation and refinement as technical studies conducted for the Project proceed.

Proposed Purpose and Need Statement

The following is a preliminary statement on the Purpose and Need for the Project. Further refinements to this Statement will occur pending the outcome Public Scoping and related technical studies.

The Purpose and Need for the Project is as follows:

- Improve regional mobility and accessibility for the movement of people, goods and services.
- Reduce circuitous out-of-direction travel on the network.
- Reduce congestion on north-south arterials and local streets currently adversely affected by diversion of freeway trips.
- Improve regional travel time savings and thereby reduce loss of productivity associated with congestion.
- Provide additional connectivity in the regional network for use by public transit.
- Improve regional and local mobile source air quality characteristics.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from mobile sources.
- Provide a project that minimizes impacts in local communities to acceptable levels.