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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **COMMENTS ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) review and comment at the August 2015 Commission meeting on the following Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

ISSUE:

07-LA-710, PM various

This DEIR proposes the sale of Department-owned surplus properties that are not impacted by the project alternatives being evaluated in the State Route 710 (SR 710) North Study Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for sale in the cities of Pasadena, South Pasadena, and the El Sereno neighborhood in the city of Los Angeles. These surplus properties are to be offered for sale in a manner that will preserve, upgrade, and expand the supply of housing available to affected persons and families of low or moderate income, in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 86 (Roberti, 1979), SB 416 (Liu, 2014) and the Affordable Sales Program (ASP) regulations. Senate Bill 416 requires proceeds from the sale of surplus properties to be allocated to the SR 710 Rehabilitation Account for the rehabilitation of surplus single family homes being sold to low- and moderate-income occupants for which lenders of government housing assistance programs require repairs. The SR 710 Rehabilitation Account is continuously refilled with each sale. When the balance of this accounts reaches $500,000, additional proceeds go to the State Highway Account and are to be allocated by the California Transportation Commission exclusively for projects located in Pasadena, South Pasadena, Alhambra, La Canada Flintridge, and the 90032 Zip code area of Los Angeles (El Sereno).

Alternatives considered for the proposed project include:

- Alternative 1 – No Action (No Sale) Alternative: The No Action Alternative assumes the proposed sales will not be adopted or implemented. The Department would retain ownership of the parcels and continue to make them available for rent throughout the cities of Pasadena, South Pasadena, and Los Angeles.

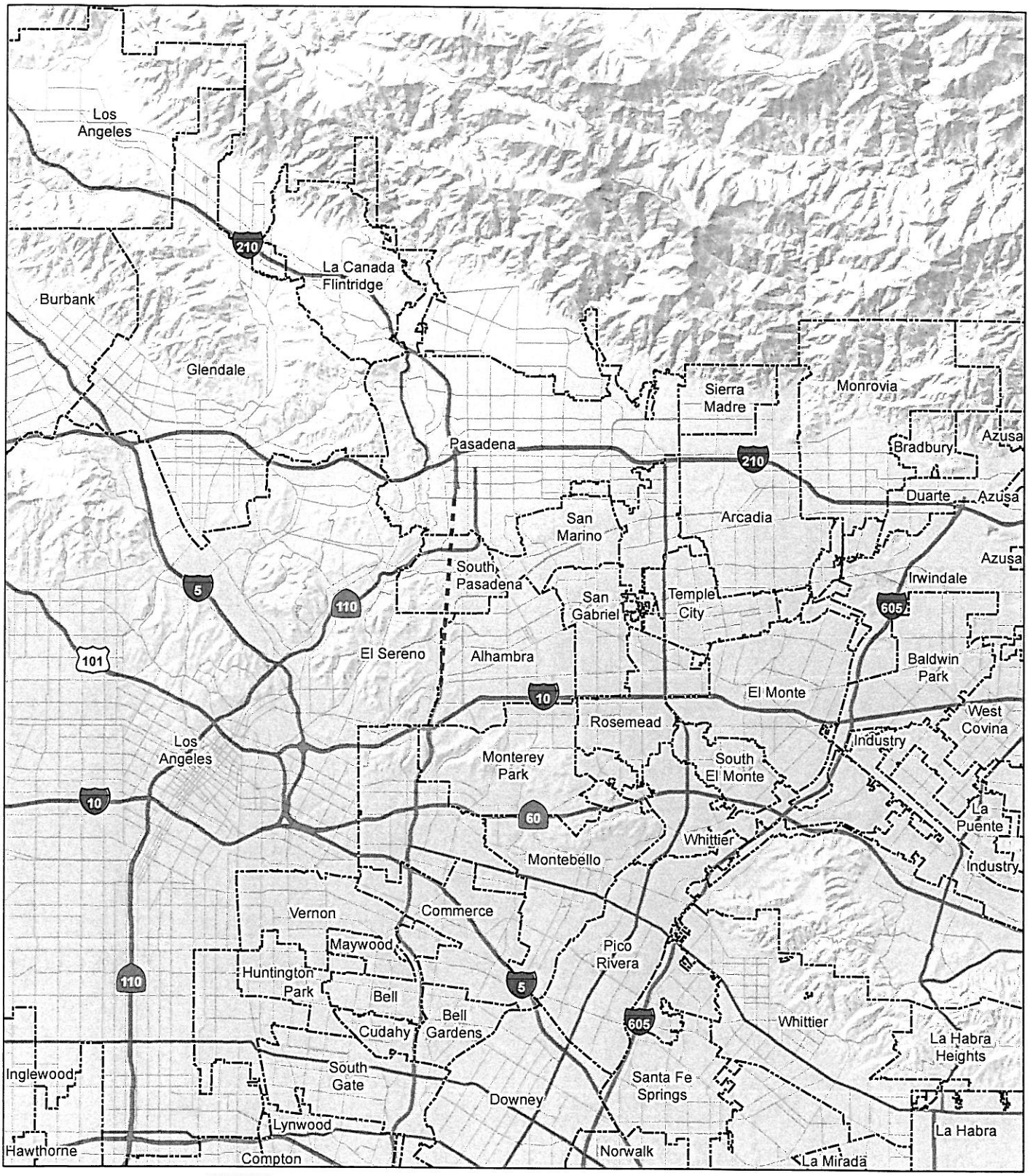
- Alternative 2 – Action Alternative: Alternative 2 assumes the proposed sale is implemented and will consist of selling surplus parcels that are no longer needed for the SR-710 North Study, pursuant to Streets and Highway Code Section 118.6, SB 86, SB 416, and ASP regulations.

The decision to prepare an EIR was made due to the scope of the project, the substantial amount of public controversy surrounding the project, and the anticipated significant impacts associated with the project. Impacts of the project include:

- Cultural Resources
- Land Use and Planning

The proposed project includes measures to minimize harm and an Environmental Commitments Record has been prepared and is included in the DEIR.

Attachment



LEGEND

Cities and Unincorporated Communities

Previously Planned SR 710 Freeway Alignment (Approximate Location)*

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* Note: Surface route is no longer under consideration.

SOURCE: ESRI (2008); SCAG (2010)

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FIGURE 1-2

SR 710 Surplus Property Sale

Proposed Action Study Area Map