

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 25-26, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 4.35, Information Item

Prepared By: Gloria Roberts
District 7 - Director

Subject: **710 N. STUB RELINQUISHMENT UPDATE**

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) and the City of Pasadena (City) submit this item as an annual informational update on the progress of the State Route - 710 North Stub Relinquishment efforts.

This update typically includes an overview of the City's approach to repurposing the facility, supported in part by a Reconnecting Communities Pilot planning grant awarded to the City. The grant is intended to guide the City's planning efforts in exploring future uses and mobility options for the corridor in coordination with the Department and key stakeholders.

Due to the ongoing nature of this work and the current stage of planning, the Department and the City have indicated that updates to the California Transportation Commission (Commission) are being provided in the form of a written letter rather than an agendaized presentation.

BACKGROUND:

The City has completed the Reconnecting Pasadena 710 Vision Plan, an effort funded by a Reconnecting Communities Pilot planning grant awarded in Fiscal Year 2022. The Vision Plan will guide land-use and mobility planning for the relinquished State Route 710 property during the next implementation phase, using a sustainability and restorative justice lens. This work, which included extensive community engagement, interagency coordination, and technical analyses, now provides a foundation for evaluating future uses and mobility approaches for the site. With the Vision Plan finalized, the next phase will develop and assess specific land-use and mobility options through established partnerships and continued input from the City Council, community members, and key stakeholders.

The Department and the City will present updates to the Commission as major milestones in the entitlement and planning process are reached.

Attachment:

Letter from City of Pasadena - Annual Report to the California Transportation Commission



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

June 4, 2026

Ms. Tanisha Taylor
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS 52
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Annual Report to the California Transportation Commission

Dear Director Taylor:

I am writing regarding the City of Pasadena's ("City") annual report to the California Transportation Commission ("CTC"), regarding the City's process and progress in determining future uses, transportation modes, etc., for the former State Route 710 ("SR-710") stub area, which was relinquished to the City in 2022. Please receive this summary report of the City's activities as its yearly update.

Our City team has completed the Reconnecting Pasadena 710 Vision Plan, partially funded by the U.S. DOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot planning grant awarded in Fiscal Year 2022. This is the first step towards reconnecting the 710 Stub area with the surrounding community. The plan process relied on regular meetings with California Department of Transportation "Caltrans" D, who contributed to the plan. One option, the *Boulevards and Paseos* incorporates a roundabout north of the I-210 and SR-134 interchange and a "new boulevard" down the length of the 710 stub area, to facilitate vehicles transitioning to other freeways and into the 710 Stub area. Additional collaboration with Caltrans included discussions and next steps for creating a Mobility Hub north of the SR-710 stub area.

The land-use component of the *Boulevards and Paseos* option creates high-level opportunities, including housing units, which will be further explored during the Specific Plan process. This process will prioritize not only housing but also commercial uses, open space, community-serving uses, and multimodal access, while incorporating climate-resilient and net-zero-ready infrastructure strategies that align with Pasadena's adopted policies and sustainability goals.

Another component of the plan that makes the work unique is its incorporation of a Restorative Justice (RJ) framework. The restorative justice work was built on the Historic Project, which consists of detailed research on the communities displaced by the construction of the SR-710 freeway. The RJ framework includes a definition specific to the City and elements that will serve as a lens over other project components. City staff is scheduled to present the RJ framework to the City Council

for review and approval at a future date and would welcome an opportunity to share this information with the CTC in the future.

While the vision plan moves the City and the 710 Stub area closer to future development, a range of issues remains to be identified and addressed. Advancing the physical reconnection, mobility, and circulation components will require continued collaboration with Caltrans, Metro, residents, and stakeholders to ensure the transportation elements align with potential future land uses. The City will continue to prioritize these partnerships with the City's key transportation stakeholders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew E. Hawkesworth", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew E. Hawkesworth
Interim City Manager

cc: Gloria Roberts, Director, California Department of Transportation, District 7
David Grannis, pointC
Tony Harris, pointC