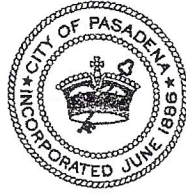


Weekly Digest



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Re: Comments on the Draft 2012 Regional Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Lieb:

Thank you for the opportunity for the City of Pasadena to provide comments on the Draft 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The City of Pasadena's General Plan promotes the priority of non-auto trips and sets the tone for the Mobility Element with the Guiding Principle "Pasadena will be a city where people can circulate without cars." The Mobility Element relies upon an integrated and multi modal transportation system that provides choices for everyone living and working in the city. Implementing the projects and policies in the RTP will assist Pasadena in becoming a more livable city for the 21st Century.

I believe you are aware of the active role Pasadena has played over a long period regarding any freeway connection that traverses our community. The issue of the 710 North extension, albeit being a tunnel alternative as opposed to a surface freeway, continues to be a sensitive topic among our elected officials, neighborhood groups and city residents. We request that the RTP recognize the on-going environmental study for this facility and not presuppose the ongoing studies by defining a route for the 710 north extension project.

The City of Pasadena supports the policies included in the RTP to encourage the expansion of local transit service to serve as feeder systems to the regional transit network. However the RTP does not address the limited funding resources that local agencies have in providing these important transit services. We would like the RTP to identify additional funding resources to expand local transit services and include policies that expand the availability of funding for local transit providers.

The City of Pasadena would like the regional transit connection between the North Hollywood Red Line/Orange Line Station and the Gold Line in Pasadena via Burbank and Glendale included in the RTP. This is an important transit project for our subregion and should be included in the RTP and should be considered for implementation using reasonably available funding sources described in the RTP Financial Plan.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



BILL BOGAARD
Mayor

cc: Michael J. Beck, City Manager, Pasadena
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