

**LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 12-15-16
A RESOLUTION OF THE LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
REGARDING THE SR-710 NORTH FREEWAY TUNNEL ALTERNATIVE AND
2016 DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY
(RTP/SCS) AND DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PEIR)
February 9, 2016**

WHEREAS, the LCUSD Governing Board has numerous concerns related to the SR-710 North Freeway Tunnel Alternative and its potential impacts within the city and specifically near LCUSD school sites; and

WHEREAS, the LCUSD Governing Board and District staff places the health and safety of its students, staff and families as one of its highest priorities; and

WHEREAS, the LCUSD Governing Board wishes to eliminate or minimize potential adverse environmental, health, and traffic congestion impacts to its students, staff and families; and

WHEREAS, the LCUSD Governing Board recognizes that California has stringent air pollution standards designed to protect public health, and is concerned that the SR-710 North Freeway Tunnel Alternative project will fail to comply with these standards ; and

WHEREAS, the LCUSD Governing Board insists that the SR 710 North Freeway Tunnel Alternative poses adverse health impacts to our students and staff whose daily school and work environments would be impacted because of our schools' close proximity to a route proposed in the study for SR-710 North;

WHEREAS, the LCUSD Governing Board agrees with the comments contained in the "5-Cities Alliance" (La Canada Flintridge, Glendale, Pasadena, Sierra Madre, and South Pasadena) comment letter to the 2016 Draft Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Draft Program Environmental Impact Report and wishes to formally endorse those comments; and

WHEREAS, the LCUSD Governing Board believes that the negative health and increased traffic impacts which would result with the SR-710 North Freeway Tunnel Alternative routing traffic closer to our schools would be eliminated via the implementation of a "Beyond the 710" alternative, innovative, multimodal approach as developed by the 5-Cities Alliance and referenced in their comment letter and, therefore urges that the Beyond 710 Alternative or similar multi-modal alternative be evaluated;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District requests that the SCAG eliminate the SR-710 North Project from the 2016 RTP/SCS. The LCUSD Governing Board supports viable alternative transportation projects to the Freeway Tunnel which are sustainable and environmentally protective and which mitigate any adverse health risks to school students, staff and parents.

IN WITNESS THERETO, we the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District do hereby adopt this resolution this 9TH day of February, 2016.

Governing Board Members

David Sagal, President

Dan Jeffries, Vice President

Kaitzer Puglia, Clerk

Ellen Multari, Member

Brent Kuszyk, Member