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South Pasadena Mayor and City Council Applaud Passage of SB 545 to End 710 Freeway Debate Once and For All

**Asm. Transportation Committee Approved SB 545 Unanimously with Bipartisan Support
Sacramento, Calif.** – South Pasadena Mayor David Sifuentes and City Councilmember Mike Ten traveled to the state capitol to urge Assembly Transportation Committee and legislators to vote in favor of the passage of Senator Gilbert Cedillo's Senate Bill 545.

"For over fifty years Caltrans has proposed a freeway route that imposes unacceptable impacts and irreparable harm to the City of South Pasadena and its neighboring cities," said Mayor Sifuentes. "We thank Senator Cedillo for his leadership in bringing us closer towards eliminating a surface route proposal. It also sets the way for the sale of Caltrans owned homes which will help balance the states budget by generating an estimated \$500 million. We need smart growth solutions that will help people move in the future without threatening the homes of thousands of residents in our region. Senate Bill 545 is a step in the right direction."

The passage of Senate Bill 545 with Senator Gilbert Cedillo's (SD 22) would legislate that Route 710 between Valley Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles and Del Mar Boulevard in the City of Pasadena shall not be a surface or above-grade highway.

Senate Bill 545 will be next heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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