

RESOLUTION NO. 6960**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA,
RE-AFFIRMING THE CITY'S OFFICIAL POSITION
ON THE 710 FREEWAY AND SUPPORTING THE
MULTI-MODE/LOW-BUILD ALTERNATIVE**

WHEREAS, for nearly fifty years, Caltrans has proposed a freeway route that imposes unacceptable impacts on and irreparable harm to the City of South Pasadena and its neighboring cities; and

WHEREAS, because of those unacceptable impacts and irreparable harm to the City of South Pasadena and neighboring cities, the South Pasadena City Council has vigorously opposed the proposed route 710 freeway extension; and

WHEREAS, the South Pasadena City Council will continue to oppose the proposed route 710 freeway extension; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Trust for Public Land, the Environment Defense Fund, California Public Interest Research Group, Friends of the Earth, the Sierra Club, Taxpayers for Common Sense, National Trust for Historic Preservation and others are on record in favor of the Multi-Mode/Low-Build Alternative, a thoughtful much-needed transportation improvement project; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-Mode/Low-Build Alternative is a regional transportation plan designed by a nationally-renowned transportation engineering firm and a broad-based coalition of environmental, historic preservation, neighborhood, and grass-roots organizations and citizens within South Pasadena and the surrounding cities to improve travel within the region and to protect the environment and relieve traffic congestion, provide jobs, preserve affordable housing, and to save historic neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The South Pasadena City Council does hereby oppose the proposed 710 Freeway extension through the communities of South Pasadena, El Sereno, and Pasadena and wholeheartedly supports the fiscally and environmentally responsible alternative, the MultiMode/Low-Build transportation proposal.

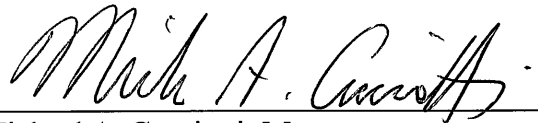
SECTION 2. The South Pasadena City Council does not oppose sound, route-neutral research of a bored tunnel alternative to the construction of a surface freeway in the proposed route 710 corridor. The ultimate position of the South Pasadena City Council will depend on the integrity of the research to enable assessment of a bored tunnel alternative's benefits and costs, both social and fiscal, which a bored tunnel alternative might produce; with the proviso that this statement does nothing to compromise the litigation in place, and does not waive any future rights.

SECTION 3. Staff is directed to distribute this resolution to all interested parties and urge other cities, elected officials, regional agencies and organizations to support the Multi-Mode/Low-Build Alternative.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON this 28th day of November, 2007.




Michael A. Cacciotti, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Sally Kilby, City Clerk



Richard L. Adams II, City Attorney

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of South Pasadena at a regular meeting held on the 28th day of November, 2007 by the following vote:

AYES: Putnam, Ten and Mayor Cacciotti

NOES: Schneider and Sifuentes

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None


Sally Kilby, City Clerk