

# State Route 710 North Study

## CEQA AND NEPA PROCESS

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The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) are laws that require government agencies to identify the significant environmental impacts of their actions and to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate any adverse effects.

### What will be studied?

When projects require approvals under both CEQA and NEPA, a joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) is prepared. An EIR/EIS explores the proposed project's environmental impacts on a broad range of topics, including traffic, community effects, air quality, public health, noise, visual disruption, soil, water pollution, cultural resources and biological resources.

### Where are we now?

The Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement for the State Route 710 North Study will be released for public review and comment in February 2015, which will identify potential environmental impacts and ways to address them. Be sure to join our mailing list to receive notice of the Draft EIR/EIS release.

### What to expect next?

Upon release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement there is a minimum public review period of 45 days, however Caltrans has decided to have a 90-day public review period for the State Route 710 North Study. During this time, Metro and Caltrans will hold two public hearings to present key findings from the Draft EIR/EIS and invite comments from the community. Responses to substantive comments will be prepared and provided in writing as part of the Final EIR/EIS.

### We want your comments.

During the public review period, you will be able to submit comments on the Draft EIR/EIS in person at the public hearings, by U.S. mail or online at the Caltrans website. Your comments on the Draft EIR/EIS could include:

- > What is needed to ensure the Draft EIR/EIS adequately identifies significant environmental impacts
- > Suggested methods to avoid and/or mitigate impacts
- > Suggestions on additional impacts, alternatives, and/or mitigation measures







To ensure your comments are effective and constructive, you can also provide support with evidence such as data, references, or other facts.

### Stay up to date.

Join our mailing list at [metro.net/sr710study](http://metro.net/sr710study) to get email updates on:

- > Study progress
- > Draft EIR/EIS release
- > Public hearings

You can also connect with us at:

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### CEQA PROCESS

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- > ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS
- > COMMUNITY MEETINGS
- > IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PHASE

- > DRAFT EIR
- > PUBLIC & AGENCY REVIEW
- > STATE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW
- > PUBLIC HEARING

- > LEAD AGENCY REVIEW OF RESPONSES TO COMMENTS ON THE DEIR
- > IDENTIFY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

- > FINAL EIR
- > STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS
- > NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
- > MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM

INITIATE PROJECT

INFORM

SCOPING

LISTEN

ALTERNATIVES

DISCUSS

PUBLIC INPUT ON ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

EVALUATE

SELECT PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

RESPOND & DECIDE

FINALIZE REVIEW

### NEPA PROCESS

NOTICE OF INTENT

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- > ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS
- > COMMUNITY MEETINGS
- > IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PHASE

- > DRAFT EIS
- > EPA FILING AND PUBLISHED IN FEDERAL REGISTER
- > PUBLIC & AGENCY REVIEW
- > PUBLIC HEARING

- > LEAD AGENCY REVIEW OF RESPONSES TO COMMENTS ON THE DEIS
- > IDENTIFY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

- > FINAL EIS
- > FINAL EIS MADE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW
- > ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS RECORD
- > RECORD OF DECISION

### AGENCY DECISION