



CITY COUNCIL

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October 18, 2012

The Honorable Michael D. Antonovich, Chair  
& Members of the Board of Directors  
METRO  
One Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

***Re: Measure J***

Dear Chair Antonovich and Board Members:

Attached herewith is a Resolution supporting Measure J, but calling upon METRO to eliminate the 710 tunnel (F-7 alternative) from further consideration. The City Council, at its meeting of October 15, 2012, voted unanimously to support Measure J with this proviso.

The City Council, although reluctant to endorse tax measures, fully understands the need to provide funding for worthy local and regional transportation projects. It is with this thought that the City Council voted to support this Measure. However, it must be noted that this support does not change the position of the City regarding the 710 tunnel ("F-7" Alternative). The City remains, as stated in the Resolution, strongly opposed to this project. The City does not believe this project qualifies as a worthy transportation project, and in fact, believes the project would be to the detriment of regional residents.

METRO has represented that "*Measure R does not constitute a 'binding commitment to spend in a particular manner.'*" If this is the case, then the METRO Board currently has the authority to eliminate the tunnel from further consideration. Therefore, we call upon the Board to take this action at the earliest possible opportunity, so that the funds currently being expended on this detrimental project can be stopped.

Thank you for your consideration of our position on Measure J, and our request within the attached Resolution supporting Measure J, to eliminate the 710 tunnel from further consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Del Guercio  
Mayor

c: Honorable City Council Members, City of La Cañada Flintridge  
Honorable Carol Liu, Senator  
Honorable Anthony J. Portantino, Assembly Member  
Honorable Mike Gatto, Assembly Member  
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members, City of Glendale  
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members, City of Los Angeles  
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members, City of Pasadena  
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members, City of South Pasadena

**CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-32**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE SUPPORTING LOS ANGELES COUNTY BALLOT MEASURE J APPEARING ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION**

**WHEREAS**, Measure J was placed on the November 6, 2012 ballot by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (“Metro”); and

**WHEREAS**, Measure J extends by thirty years the provisions of Measure R, passed by the voters in 2008, which established a half-cent sales tax for transportation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge recognizes that Measure J would address a critical transportation and air quality need for both the community and for the entire County, in part, because it would accelerate multiple worthwhile public transportation projects, such as the enhancement of the region’s light rail and subway systems, that would help resolve the congestion problem shared by all in the region and would provide an effective and environmentally sound alternative to automobile travel within the region; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, Measure J would specifically provide for transportation improvements in the City of La Cañada Flintridge, such as the acceleration of the Arroyo Verdugo Highway Operational Improvement projects, which could include the City’s soundwall project that is necessary to address the existing severe noise pollution that is caused by the 210 Freeway; and

**WHEREAS**, while the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge is supportive of public transportation projects that responsibly address our future needs, the City of La Cañada Flintridge is also concerned that certain unworthy, costly, and environmentally unsound transportation projects (specifically, the 710 tunnel extension project (also known as the “F-7 Alternative”)) are also currently under consideration by Metro, and, therefore, the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge wishes to ensure that its support of Measure J is in no way construed as an endorsement of the F-7 Alternative (or any other extension of the 710 Freeway to the 210 Freeway) – especially since the City of La Cañada Flintridge and other affected communities have recently called upon the Board of Directors of Metro to eliminate the F-7 Alternative (or any other extension of the 710 Freeway to the 210 Freeway) from further consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, Metro has previously represented that Measure R “*does not constitute a binding commitment to spend in a particular manner,*” and has currently represented that Measure J does not constitute an obligation or mandate to build the 710 tunnel;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge supports Measure J.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.

  
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Stephen A. Del Guercio, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Yvette Hall, City Clerk

State of California            )  
County of Los Angeles        ) ss.  
City of La Cañada Flintridge )

I, Yvette Hall, City Clerk of the City of La Cañada Flintridge, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 12-32 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge at a Regular Meeting held on the 15th day of October 2012, by the following vote:

AYES:            COUNCILMEMBERS: Davitt, Spence, Voss, and Del Guercio.  
NOES:            COUNCILMEMBERS: None.  
ABSENT:         COUNCILMEMBERS: Olhasso.  
ABSTAIN:        COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

Dated: October 17, 2012

  
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Yvette Hall, City Clerk