RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the City of Los Angeles adopted a Resolution (CF-09-0002-S189) to protect Northeast Los Angeles communities from any undue burden from a proposed extension of the North Long Beach 710 Freeway; The Resolution, which was sponsored by Councilmembers Huizar, Garcetti and Reyes, asked the City to officially oppose the extension of the freeway through Zones 1 and 2, which would run through a significant portion of Northeast Los Angeles; the City also opposed any tunnel option through El Sereno whose entry portal did not begin and end south of Valley Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, in May 2010 the Metro Board directed staff to proceed with an environmental review process for a set of multi-modal options for the SR-710 (North) study; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Board selected 42 alternatives during the Scoping Sessions and Initial Evaluation that included freeways, highways, Transportation System Management, Bus Rapid Transit, and Light Rail Transit as possible options for the SR-71 0 (North Extension); and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the City of Los Angeles created the Highland Park-Garvanza Historic Preservation Overlay Zone to protect the historical and cultural resources of Northeast Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, an above-ground extension of the SR-71 0 (North) would do irreparable damage to the communities of El Sereno, Eagle Rock, Garvanza, Mt. Washington, Highland Park, Hermon and Glassell Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles includes in its 2011 and 2012 State Legislative program OPPOSITION to the extension of SR-71 0 (North) along alternatives H-2, H-6, F-2, F-5, F-6 and F7, and any above ground highway or freeway that would cut through the City of Los Angeles.