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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### State Route 710 Tunnel Technical Study Geotechnical Exploration Program

**City of Alhambra** - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Metro, as part of the State Route 710 Tunnel Technical Study, will conduct geotechnical exploratory borings in two locations in the City of Alhambra beginning Tuesday, January 6, 2009 and continuing for approximately seven to ten days.

The schedule is as follows:

#### **Westmont Drive and Sherwood Avenue**

Daily, Tuesday, January 6 through Wednesday, January 14

Time: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### **North of Valley Boulevard, Near Westmont Drive and Front Street (Caltrans Right of Way)**

Daily, Tuesday, January 6 through Monday, January 12

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This Exploration Program phase of the two-year SR-710 Tunnel Technical Study will involve research, exploration and technical analysis of the soil and sub-surface conditions found while tunneling at depths of more than 250 feet. The Exploration Program is comprised of two integrated activities:

**Boring:** Information about various soil types, such as rock or sand, will be gathered by drilling (boring) deep into the ground and producing soil samples to be analyzed. Boring will take place at approximately 33 locations throughout the study area.

**Seismic Reflection:** This activity will provide an electronic image of soil conditions along a specific area. Information on rock layers and layering, near-surface faulting, sub-surface voids, and bedrock elevations or depths will be provided.

Borings and seismic reflection testing activities will take place between January and May, 2009, weather permitting, in the cities of Alhambra, Los Angeles, South Pasadena and Pasadena. Caltrans and CH2M HILL, the geotechnical contractor for the Study, will conduct the borings.

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In June 2008, Caltrans and Metro began the SR-710 Tunnel Technical Study to examine the possibility of constructing a tunnel to complete the route between the northern SR-710 termini and the Foothill Freeway (I-210). The study is being conducted in a route neutral manner. This means that all reasonable and practicable alternatives for completing the route are being considered within the Study area, which encompasses the cities of Alhambra, Glendale, La Cañada-Flintridge, Los Angeles, Monterey Park, San Marino, South Pasadena and Pasadena. Information gathered throughout the Study will describe soil and sub-surface conditions and will determine the feasibility of building a tunnel to complete SR-710. This study is not an environmental assessment.

Local community members can obtain information and become involved in the Study process through public meetings, workshops, focus groups and community events. More information about the Study is available by contacting or visiting the SR-710 Tunnel Study Information Office, 3412 North Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90032. Phone: 323-222-1710; Toll Free: 877-710-4111; Fax: 323-222-9710; or the website at [www.710tunnelstudy.info](http://www.710tunnelstudy.info)

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