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State Route 710 Tunnel Technical Study Geotechnical Exploration Program

Alhambra, Los Angeles and Pasadena - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as part of the State Route 710 Tunnel Technical Study, will continue geotechnical exploratory borings and seismic reflection testing this week.

In 2008, Caltrans began this study to examine the possibility and feasibility 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, meaning that all reasonable and practicable alternatives for completing a route are being considered within the Study area.

The geotechnical exploratory phase began on January 6, 2009, which involves research, exploration and technical analysis of the soil and sub-surface conditions found while tunneling at depths of more than 250 feet. Between January and May, 2009, boring and seismic reflection testing will occur, weather permitting, in the cities of Alhambra, Los Angeles, South Pasadena and Pasadena. The Study area also encompasses the cities of Glendale, La Cañada-Flintridge, Monterey Park, and San Marino, however, no geotechnical activities are planned in these cities. Caltrans and CH2M HILL, the geotechnical contractor for the Study, will conduct the borings. This Study is not an environmental assessment. The schedule is as follows:

Seismic Reflection Testing

City of Alhambra

Tuesday, January 13, 2009
Location: Winchester Avenue (at Norwich)
Time: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

City of Alhambra

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2009
Location: Near Westmont Drive (south of Valley Boulevard)
Time: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

City of Los Angeles (El Sereno area)

Thursday, January 15, 2009 through Friday, January 16, 2009
Location: North Eastern Avenue (between Lynnfield Street and Twining Street)
Time: 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

City of Los Angeles (Eagle Rock area)

Friday, January 16, 2009 through Saturday, January 17, 2009
Location: York Boulevard (between Eagle Rock Boulevard and Hazelwood Avenue)
Time: 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.



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Boring Sites

City of Pasadena

Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2009 through Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Location: Caltrans Right of Way (north of West Del Mar Boulevard)
Time: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. (includes weekend work)

City of Alhambra

Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2009 through Wednesday, January 21, 2009.
Location: North Palm Avenue (between West Alhambra Road and West Grand Avenue)
Time: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (includes weekend work)

City of Los Angeles

Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2009 through Friday, January 23, 2009
Location: 4010 Eagle Rock Boulevard
Time: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

City of Los Angeles

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2009 through Friday, January 23, 2009
Location: Klamath Street and North Ditman Avenue
Time: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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 for analysis. Boring are scheduled 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.

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

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