



NEWS RELEASE

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District 7: Los Angeles & Ventura Counties
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MEDIA ADVISORY **State Route 710 Tunnel Technical Study** **Community Meeting in El Sereno**

- WHO:** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- WHAT:** Douglas Failing, District 7 Director, California Department of Transportation, (Caltrans), will lead a public presentation to update the community on the Geotechnical Exploration Program as part of the State Route 710 Tunnel Technical Study. Caltrans and consultants will be available to answers questions regarding the Study.
- WHERE:** Los Angeles Christian Presbyterian Church
2241 N. Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90032
- WHEN:** Thursday, March 26, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
6:30 to 7:15 – Open House (view displays and soil and bedrock samples)
7:15 to 7:25 – Welcome and Introductions
7:25 - Presentation begins
7:45 - Question & Answer and Public Comments
- PHOTO OP:** Soil samples from the El Sereno area boring sites will be displayed.

BACKGROUND:

The Exploration Program, which is part of a two-year SR-710 Tunnel Technical Study that is now in its second year, involves 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, is gathered by drilling (boring) deep into the ground and producing soil samples for analysis. Borings will take place at approximately 33 locations throughout the study area. To date, this part of the program is now approximately 65% complete.

Seismic Reflection: This activity provides 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 is gathered.

