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PRESS RELEASE

Metro Board Agrees with Downey and Approves Motion to Delay the I-605 Corridor Improvement Project until it Includes a More Locally Supported Alternative that Will Help Save Homes

Downey, CA, November 2, 2020:

On October 22, 2020, the Metro Board of Directors unanimously approved a motion to delay the I-605 Corridor Improvement Project until it includes an alternative that will minimize the number of properties that may be taken in Downey as part of the freeway widening.

For months, Downey officials have been working closely with the City of Santa Fe Springs, Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) and the I-5 Joint Powers Authority (JPA), to compel Metro to minimize the number of homes that may potentially be taken as part of this project, which includes widening of the I-5 freeway from the I-605 interchange to the Rio Hondo River.

City officials are very pleased knowing Metro considered Downey's strong opposition for the original proposed alternatives that would have had negative impacts on local residents.

"We would like to thank the Metro Board of Directors for listening to our concerns and agreeing with us that we must consider other alternatives that will help save homes in our community," Mayor Blanca Pacheco.

"Metro's approved motion to delay this project and request other alternatives is a testament to our City's tireless efforts in fighting for the best interest of our residents," said Mayor Pro Tem Claudia M. Frometa, who serves as Vice Chair of the I-5 JPA Policy Board.

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