

**STATE ROUTE 710 FREEWAY EXTENSION (ROUTE 10 TO
ROUTE 210) RECORD OF DECISION**

**RECORD OF COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE SHORT LINE
VILLA TRACT HISTORIC DISTRICT ALIGNMENT SHIFT -
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As a result of the Keeper of the *National Register's* determination that a new historic district, the Short Line Villa Tract Historic District in El Sereno, was eligible for the *National Register*, various design modifications were considered by Caltrans and FHWA. A minimal horizontal alignment shift was considered that partially avoided the Short Line Villa Tract. However, that design modification resulted in still taking some of the contributing properties in the northwest corner of the district. With a further shift to the west, all of the homes within the Short Line Villa Tract Historic District were avoided. This minor alignment shift, which fully avoids any taking of Section 4(f) property from the district, appears to be both feasible and prudent.

The minor shift in alignment would be about 400 feet from the original alignment at the widest point of departure. The 3,700 feet (0.7 mile of the 6.2 mile gap) of shift varies from zero (0) feet near Huntington Drive to 400 feet near the Short Line Villa Tract Historic District and back to zero (0) feet near Summit Drive.

This design shift in alignment incorporated into the Meridian Variation Reduced design variation came to be known as the Meridian Variation Reduced with Shift design variation or MV(R/S) in the El Sereno and South Pasadena area (between Huntington Drive and Summit Drive).

To apprise the community of the proposed alignment shift, Caltrans opened a Public Outreach Office, located at 5440 Shelly Street in the community of El Sereno. The office was open December 27, 1995, to January 11, 1996, a period of two weeks, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Caltrans Environmental and Right-of-Way personnel staffed the office, and were available to answer questions regarding the shift alignment, including documents and maps available for review at the office. During all periods of the day, Spanish language interpreters were available and, when needed, a sign language interpreter was available. A detailed summary of these public outreach efforts is documented in the "Public Outreach Report for the Route 710 Freeway" (April, 1996), available for review at Caltrans District 7 and FHWA California Division offices.

As part of the conditions of the Record of Decision, Caltrans has agreed to depress the alignment through the Short Line Villa Tract Historic District, if determined to be feasible. This feasibility assessment will be conducted during further design of the proposed freeway gap closure project.

This volume includes comments received in conjunction with the public outreach program for the Short Line Villa Tract alignment shift. The public comment period for the shift alignment was originally set for December 27, 1995, to January 25, 1996, but was extended to February 12, 1996, in response to requests by the local community for an extension of the review period. The comments have been summarized in a matrix that lists the commentator, the comment date, the issue noted in the comment, and (where applicable) a response to the comment. Each comment is numbered sequentially, with a prefix of "SLV-" identifying it as a comment on the Short Line Villa Tract alignment shift. The fourth column of the matrix identifies the subject of the comment through the use of a coding system. The subject coding allows for future sorting or listing of comments by subject, if

necessary. A listing of all subject codes is provided for reference on the page preceding the response to comments matrix.

The comments are organized as follows:

Comment Nos.	Commentor
SLV-2-1 through SLV-2-5	Hilda L. Solis, State Senator-25th District
SLV-2-6 through SLV-2-10	Bill Hoge, State Assemblyman-44th District
SLV-3-1	Sup. Gloria Molina, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
SLV-3-2	Ann-Marie Villicana, Councilmember, City of South Pasadena
SLV-3-3	Paul Little, Councilmember, City of South Pasadena
SLV-3-4 through SLV-3-39	Ken Farfsing, City of South Pasadena
SLV-4-1 through SLV-4-13	Angela Johnson Meszaros, Environmental Justice Resource Network
SLV-4-14 through SLV-4-20	Claire W. Bogaard, 710 Opposition Coalition
SLV-4-21	Susan N. Mossman, Pasadena Heritage
SLV-4-22 through SLV-4-28	Joanne Nuckols, South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.
SLV-5-1 through SLV-5-260	Comment Letters From Various Individuals

List of Subject Codes

Subject Code	Subject
AL	Alternatives
AQ	Air Quality
BIO	Biological Resources
C/N	CEQA/NEPA Issues
CON	Construction Impacts
CH	Cultural/Historic
CIR	Circulation/Traffic
CUM	Cumulative Impacts
EN	Energy
FI	Fiscal Impacts
FU	Funding
GEO	Geotechnical
GI	Growth Inducement
HW	Hazardous Waste/Materials
HB	Housing/Business Relocation
LU	Land Use
MM	Mitigation Monitoring
NOI	Noise
NEI	Not EIR/EIS Issue
NR	No Response Necessary
OB	Objectives
OP	Opinion
PD	Project Description
PH	Phasing
PP	Public Participation
PS	Public Services & Utilities
PN	Purpose and Need
RD	Request for Data
SE	Socioeconomic
TR	Transit
VIS	Visual Resources
WR	Water Resources
4F	Section 4(f)

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