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**Portantino's Response to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority
No 710 Vote**

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Sacramento, CA – Today the Metropolitan Transportation Authority voted to essentially eliminate the I-710 tunnel project from future consideration. Senator Anthony J. Portantino (D – La Cañada Flintridge), one of the longest and most outspoken elected opponents of the proposed tunnel project issued the following comment:

“Today, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board took a giant step forward to finally ending the threat of the 710 tunnel project for our region. I applaud the board’s focus on solving the 710 corridor’s regional traffic and circulation issues with local solutions funded by Measure R dollars originally intended for the tunnel. The efforts of three generations of freeway fighters played a tremendous part in making today’s vote happen. These tireless advocates are to be commended for recruiting so many of us into this fight. As the issue now moves to the California Department of Transportation for binding action, rest assured that I will continue to be the honest broker and strong advocate for the “no” tunnel position, which moved significantly closer to reality today.”

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Sen. Portantino represents nearly 930,000 people in the 25th Senate District, which includes Altadena, Atwater Village, Bradbury, Burbank, Claremont, Duarte, Glendale, Glendora, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, La Verne, Lake View Terrace, Los Feliz, Monrovia, Montrose, Pasadena, San Dimas, San Marino, Shadow Hills, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Sunland-Tujunga, and Upland.