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CALTRANS EXTENDS COMMENT PERIOD FOR SR-47/HEIM BRIDGE DRAFT EIR/EIS

Extension Comes at the Request of the ACTA Board to Ensure All Stakeholders Have an Opportunity to Comment on the Project

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has agreed to informally extend the comment period for the draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) associated with the Schuyler Heim Bridge Replacement and SR-47 Expressway Project until early November. Caltrans agreed to the informal extension of the comment period after being urged to do so by Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) Chair Bonnie Lowenthal and Vice Chair Janice Hahn at the October 11 meeting of ACTA's Governing Board. The draft EIR/EIS is being conducted jointly by Caltrans and ACTA, with Caltrans as the lead agency.

"I am pleased that Caltrans has extended the timeframe to consider additional comments and input on this important project from the community," said Long Beach Vice Mayor and ACTA Chair Bonnie Lowenthal. "We want to give the people who might be impacted a chance to access documents that have been made available during the environmental review process. Given that this project is of critical importance, we want to ensure that everyone has been provided every opportunity to offer their comments on the project alternatives under consideration."

The Draft EIR/EIS was released on August 17, and a public meeting was held on September 25, at which a number of individuals and organizations provided comments on the environmental documents. The following six project alternatives are included in the Draft EIR/EIS: 1) Bridge Replacement and SR-47 Expressway; 2) SR-103 Extension to Alameda Street; 3) Bridge Demolition Avoidance; 4) Bridge Replacement Only; 5) Transportation Systems Management; and 6) No-Build.

Copies of the Draft EIR/EIS are available for review at the Caltrans District 7 Office (100 South Main St., Los Angeles), or through the Caltrans Web site at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/resources/envdocs>. They are also accessible through the ACTA Web site at www.acta.org. The documents are available for public viewing at the following public libraries located around the project area: Carson Regional Library; Victoria Park Library; East Rancho Dominguez Library; Harbor Gateway Branch Library; San Pedro Regional Library; Wilmington Library; Long Beach Main Library; Mark Twain Neighborhood Library and the Los Angeles Central Library.