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**SB-710 Sale of excess state highway property: State Highway Route 710 Terminus.** (2023-2024)

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**Senate Bill No. 710**

**CHAPTER 501**

An act to add and repeal Section 118.8 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to surplus property.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 710, Durazo. Sale of excess state highway property: State Highway Route 710 Terminus.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation shall have full possession and control of the state highway system and associated real property. Existing law, if the department determines that real property, or an interest in the property, acquired for highway purposes is no longer necessary for those purposes, authorizes the department to sell or exchange the property or property interest in the manner and upon terms, standards, and conditions established by the California Transportation Commission, as provided. Existing law authorizes the California Transportation Commission to relinquish a portion of State Highway Route 710.

This bill would require the department to establish and administer a Terminus Regional Planning Task Force, as provided, to meet quarterly and complete and submit a report to the Legislature on the issues of traffic and potential land use related to the State Route 710 Terminus adjacent areas, as defined. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2027.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) The State Route 710 Terminus was purchased by the Department of Transportation for use in building a Route 710 connection to Route 210. This use of eminent domain displaced many in the El Sereno neighborhood in the City of Los Angeles, as hundreds of homes were purchased with the intent to eventually remove the structures and construct an extension to Route 710 to close a 4.5-mile unconstructed gap between the City of Alhambra and the City of Pasadena. The State Route 710 Terminus is also bordered by the California State University, Los Angeles.

(b) The Legislature added Section 622.3, authorizing the commission to relinquish this portion of Route 710, and Section 253.9 to exclude, as of January 1, 2024, the section of Route 710 between Route 10 and Route 210 from the California freeway and expressway system.

(c) Therefore, much of this land is no longer needed by the Department of Transportation and can be put to other uses.

(d) Additionally these changes raise the need to address traffic flow in the area. Currently, Route 710 north ends abruptly just north of Route 10, causing traffic and congestion and affecting the City of Los Angeles as well as the Cities of Alhambra, South

Pasadena, and Pasadena.

(e) The City of Alhambra has identified funding for a project to transform the State Route 710 Terminus into an arterial, transitioning between Route 710 and Valley Boulevard, which is being developed in conjunction with the Department of Transportation as the Alhambra 710 Arterial Project. Other stakeholders may have an interest in studying additional projects in the State Route 710 Terminus adjacent areas that address land use, multijurisdictional planning, and transportation beyond the scope of the Alhambra 710 Arterial Project.

**SEC. 2.** Section 118.8 is added to the Streets and Highways Code, to read:

**118.8.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "State Route 710 Terminus" means the Route 710 Terminus in the City of Alhambra, north of Route 10, built and currently operating as State Route 710.

(2) "The State Route 710 Terminus adjacent areas" means any department-owned areas or any areas impacted by past department planning for State Route 710, within the geographic area in any jurisdiction of the County of Los Angeles bounded by North Eastern Street to the west; Huntington Drive, west of the intersection of Huntington Drive and West Main Street, and West Main Street, east of that intersection, on the north; South Fremont Avenue on the east; and Route 10 on the south, excluding the State Route 710 Terminus.

(b) (1) The department shall establish and administer a Terminus Regional Planning Task Force, composed of the following members:

(A) Two representatives from the City of Alhambra.

(B) Two representatives from the City of Los Angeles, one of whom resides in the 90032 Zip Code.

(C) One representative from the County of Los Angeles.

(D) One representative from the California State University, Los Angeles.

(E) One representative from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

(F) One representative from a business or workforce entity.

(G) One representative from a community-based organization.

(H) No more than two additional members to be appointed by the department.

(2) The department shall issue a solicitation of interest throughout the community and, from respondent entities, select the business or workforce entity and the community-based organization to be represented on the task force pursuant to subparagraphs (F) and (G) of paragraph (1), respectively.

(3) Each of the entities identified in subparagraphs (A) to (E), inclusive, of paragraph (1) and each of the entities selected pursuant to paragraph (2) shall nominate its representative to the department. The Mayor of the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles City Council shall jointly nominate the representatives of the City of Los Angeles. The Alhambra City Council shall nominate the representatives of the City of Alhambra.

(4) The department, in considering the nominations, shall ensure jurisdictional balance on the task force.

(c) (1) The task force shall meet quarterly, incorporating robust community engagement, to discuss the issues of traffic and potential land uses, including affordable housing, student housing, workforce development space, public university expansion, parks, open space, and alternative transportation.

(2) By December 1, 2025, the task force shall complete and submit a report to the Legislature, in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code, on projects and land use in the State Route 710 Terminus adjacent areas addressing the issues identified in paragraph (1), including a summary and status of the Alhambra 710 Arterial Project.

(3) Notwithstanding any other law, the report required to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (2) shall not be considered a land use study.

(d) Upon completing its duties required under subdivision (c), the task force shall dissolve.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the task force to impede a local jurisdiction's ability to implement projects at the State Route 710 Terminus or in State Route 710 Terminus adjacent areas.

(f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2027, and as of that date is repealed.