RANCHO MISSION VIEJO STATEMENT RE: TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AGENCY ALTERNATIVES REVIEW

For decades, Rancho Mission Viejo has worked with various agencies to identify the funding for vital South Orange County infrastructure improvements, while also ensuring that infrastructure construction is phased with Ranch community development so that improvements are completed in a timely fashion.

In the past, Rancho Mission Viejo has pioneered with the County of Orange to fund and construct such important South County arterial roadways as Marguerite, Antonio, Crown Valley and Oso parkways. Currently, Rancho Mission Viejo is working with the County on the construction of Cow Camp Road and Los Patrones Parkway to serve local Ranch resident and regional needs. With specific regard to Los Patrones Parkway, existing County approvals designate this arterial as a non-tolled, County-operated arterial.

While the completion of the Foothill Transportation Corridor (FTC) is not necessary for the further development of the Rancho Mission Viejo community, Rancho Mission Viejo has, for many years, supported the extension of the FTC. The Transportation Corridor Agency's (TCA) recent settlement agreement with various organizations prohibits the extension of the FTC-South in the area where it would have the least impact on existing homes and residents.

With regards to the recent efforts by the TCA to identify new alignments for regional traffic mitigation, regrettably, there appears to be no viable option which doesn't impact Rancho Mission Viejo residents or our South County neighbors. Therefore, we are not in support of the alternatives as currently proposed. We also understand that a process to discuss potential transportation improvements is going to go forward and it is our hope that viable solutions to address increased South County mobility can be generated that do not have an impact on existing communities.