July 27, 2017

Thank you for reaching out to me regarding your concerns about the Transportation Corridor Agencies' proposed State Route 241 to Interstate 5 toll road connections in South County.

It is widely known that a growing traffic congestion problem exists in South County and we are in dire need of a solution. This problem will only worsen, primarily based on projected population, housing, and job growth over the next 20 years.

I want to assure you of my core principles in assessing solutions for traffic relief in our communities:

1. I **will not support** a project that disrupts and divides neighborhoods by taking homes.
2. I **will not support** a project that adversely impacts schools in our communities.
3. I **will not support** a project that does not measurably improve regional mobility, public safety, and traffic relief on I-5.
4. I **will** continue to insist on a transparent and inclusive public engagement process as Caltrans and Transportation Corridor Agencies explore traffic relief options, and if at any time you feel it is not, I will work diligently to take corrective action.

I encourage you to continue to provide South County mobility solutions to my office. This collaboration will enable us to work towards developing a balanced solution to reduce traffic congestion on the I-5 freeway in South County while maintaining our quality of life.

I can assure you that in light of the many calls and emails I have received, I have called on Transportation Corridor Agencies to exhaust every opportunity possible to allow for public engagement and meaningful evaluation of public input throughout the entire process.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to represent the residents of the Fifth District with a thoughtful approach while engaging the community to make informed policy decisions. Please contact my office at (714) 834-3550 or Lisa.Bartlett@ocgov.com with further questions. I look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas.

Sincerely,

LISA A. BARTLETT
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