



# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **No Toll Road through San Clemente**

March, 13, 2020...San Clemente, California...At its September 6, 2016 City Council meeting, the City of San Clemente took the position of opposing any toll road extension that cuts through San Clemente and recommended and supported arterial solutions that improved South County mobility. Today, the Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) unanimously adopted this very option, with advancing the Los Patrones Parkway Extension as an untolled County arterial and formally concluding the South County Traffic Relief Effort (SCTRE).

The City of San Clemente for the past four years has been committed to protecting its residents against this potential impact on their quality of life. Today the City Council and its residents can celebrate this fantastic outcome. An outcome that resulted in No Toll Road through San Clemente.

It is the actions of the current and past City Councils who lead this crusade to ensure the residents' voices were heard and their property and quality of life were not negatively impacted.

The City of San Clemente is committed to protecting its residents and will have an active role and voice with all applicable stakeholders: Caltrans, the County of Orange, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), and TCA, as the project progresses. As a partner on this project it will enable the City to protect its residents and businesses from any impacts on their quality of life.

It is also important to thank our local legislators, Senator Pat Bates and Assemblyman Bill Brough who worked tirelessly to support the City of San Clemente over the past four years as the City Council worked to address this issue.

“Today the residents of San Clemente can celebrate this major victory. The City Council listened to the community and fought tirelessly for the past four years to protect our residents and today TCA’s decision showed that this fight paid off....No Toll Road through San Clemente. I also want to thank the many citizens who supported the City during the past four years on this initiative.” said Kathy Ward, Councilmember/Foothill Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency Board member.

For your reference, please refer to the following hyperlink and attachment:

1. [South County Traffic Relief Effort Project Scoping Summary and Alternatives Screening Report](#)
2. Resolution No. 16-57

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RESOLUTION NO. 16-57

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING ANY FOOTHILL-SOUTH 241 TOLL ROAD EXTENSION ALIGNMENT THAT CUTS INTO THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE, INCLUDING THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) has established a "South Orange County Mobility Forum" consisting of elected officials and staff from the County of Orange and South Orange County cities as well as representatives from OCTA and Caltrans; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of South Orange County Mobility Forum is to facilitate broad stakeholder engagement that will support an open and inclusive process to discuss and analyze current transportation opportunities and challenges and arrive at generally agreed-upon regional transportation solutions in South Orange County; and

WHEREAS, there have been several meetings of the South Orange County Mobility Forum in which 15 potential project ideas/alternatives have been developed and discussed; and

WHEREAS, the La Pata extension opened in August 2016 and provides significant traffic relief in south Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the I-5 widening project, scheduled for completion in 2018, adds additional traffic relief in south Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Project Idea No. 13 consists of connecting the 241 Toll Road to Interstate 5 via an alignment along the Avenida La Pata and Avenida Pico corridors, similar to "Central Alignment" variants previously opposed by the City Council per Resolution No. 10-01; and

WHEREAS, Project Idea No. 14 consists of connecting the 241 Toll Road to Interstate 5 via the Cristianitos Road corridor, similar to the "Far Eastern" variants previously evaluated by the TCA; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Clemente is concerned about potential adverse impacts associated if Project Idea No. 14 is modified to terminate at the eastern end of Avenida Pico.


NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of San Clemente does hereby resolve as follows:


Section 1. The City Council opposes any extension of the Foothill South 241 Toll Road that cuts into the City of San Clemente, including the proposed routes.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of September, 2016.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk of the City of  
San Clemente, California

  
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Mayor of the City of San  
Clemente, California

STATE OF CALIFORNIA     )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE     ) §  
CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE    )

I, JOANNE BAADE, City Clerk of the City of San Clemente, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 16-57 was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of San Clemente held on the 6th day of September, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:     BROWN, DONCHAK, HAMM, WARD, MAYOR BAKER

NOES:     NONE

ABSENT:   NONE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Clemente, California, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of SEPT., 2016.

  
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CITY CLERK of the City of  
San Clemente, California

Approved as to form:

  
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City Attorney