

August 17, 2012

Mr. Paul Glaab, Chairman, Board of Directors
Members of Board of Directors
Orange County Transportation Authority
P.O. Box 14184
Orange, CA 92863-1584

Subject: I-405 Improvement Project

Dear Chairman Glaab and Honorable Board Members:

At the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board meeting of August 13, 2012, OCTA staff presented the Board with a number of options for addressing some of the impacts to the Cities along the I-405 corridor resulting from the proposed alternatives to the I-405 Freeway expansion project. The Cities of Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach, and Westminster (Cities) collectively appreciate OCTA's efforts to address the comments and concerns voiced during the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/EIS) process.

Unfortunately, some of the key issues outlined in the Cities' July 31, 2012 letter to the Board were not included in the staff presentation and remain to be addressed.

In light of OCTA's proposal as presented to the Board, the Cities reiterate their unified opposition to any Alternative, No. 3 or otherwise, which includes Toll Express Lanes/HOT Lanes, and reiterate their support for Alternative 2 as their "locally preferred alternative" with the suggested conditions, and welcome the opportunity for continued collaboration.

The Mayors of the Cities once again jointly request OCTA to champion the cause of the local Cities in finding that Alternative 2, with consideration of suggested improvements, is the only "locally preferred alternative" for the I-405 Improvement Project and direct staff to address all concerns articulated in the Cities' letter of July 31, 2012.

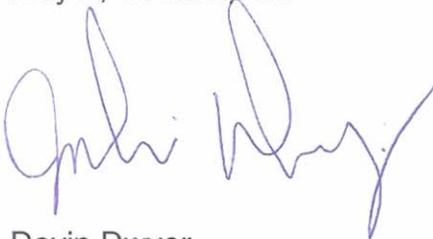
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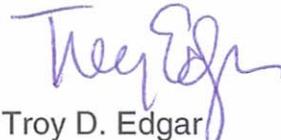
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Mayor, Costa Mesa



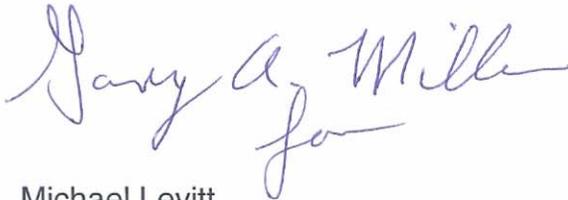
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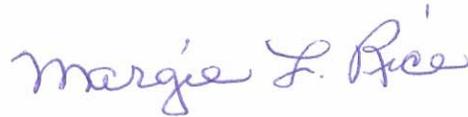
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