

January 29, 2010

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District Director
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Subject: Oso Parkway/Interstate 5 Interchange Improvements
(Caltrans Ref: 12-0E0704, 12-Ora-5-15.2/16.0)

Dear Ms. Quon:

On behalf of the City of Mission Viejo Planning and Transportation Commission we would like to thank Caltrans for this much needed intersection improvement project. This project will benefit the region by relieving congestion, reducing travel times, and enhancing safety. With that said, the Commission is concerned regarding the possible public perception that construction may not be proceeding as expeditiously as possible. On many occasions there seems to be a lack of construction activity when conditions (i.e. clear weather and daylight) appear to be optimal. As such, we are concerned that the work may not be proceeding in a timely manner.

Based on information provided by your staff, it is our understanding that the project has an expected completion date of July 10, 2010. However, in order to alleviate our concerns, we respectfully request that Caltrans provide the Commission the following items:

1. A detailed explanation why there appears to be little construction activity on the site during optimal working times.
2. Copies of the official Project CPM Schedule approved by Caltrans with information regarding the approval process and the frequency of the updates.
3. A detailed explanation of any delays to date or anticipated delays that have or will impact the completion date of the project.

We respectfully request that Caltrans provide this information to the Commission as quickly as possible. If you have any questions you may contact our staff member Richard Schlesinger, City Engineer, at 949-470-3079.

Sincerely,

Rick Sandzimier
Chairman

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