

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Consideration of Letter Concerning the Potential 241 Toll Road Extension Option Number 9**

Report from the Interim Public Works Director concerning the possibility of submitting a letter to the appropriate transportation agencies and regional stakeholders concerning the potential 241 Toll Road Extension Option Number 9.

Interim Public Works Director Bonigut reviewed the contents of the Administrative Report and displayed a map that depicted routes that the TCA is considering for the toll road extension.

Mark McGuire, San Clemente, explained that he opposes an arterial that would follow the route delineated in Option 8 (La Pata/Cristianitos Road extension) because of its negative impact to sensitive habitat areas; commended Council for actively opposing any toll road alignment through San Clemente; recommended that Council support a toll road extension that ends at Cow Camp Road or Ortega Highway.

Dan Bane, San Clemente, urged Council to support Option 8 (La Pata/Cristianitos Road extension) and Option 15 (which would extend the 241 around San Clemente to an I-5 connection at Cristianitos Road); recommended that Council be aggressive in letters relating to the Environmental Impact Report; urged that Best, Best & Krieger investigate options available to the City; requested that property in San Clemente that is already owned by the TCA be identified to provide insight as to the alignment that the TCA intends to pursue.

Pete Van Nuys, San Clemente, noted that the beltway (i.e., the connection of the 5, 241 and 73) would alleviate traffic in Mission Viejo and San Juan Capistrano and is the best option available.

Gary Headrick, San Clemente Green, noted that San Clemente Green would publicly advocate against a toll road extension through San Clemente and spoke in support of the use of simulations as a communication tool to educate the public.

Following discussion, MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DONCHAK, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER HAMM, CARRIED 5-0, to:

1. Authorize Staff to prepare a letter to the Transportation Corridor Agency that will begin, and end, with emphasis on San Clemente's opposition to any toll road alignment through the City. The letter is to promote the development of an arterial solution that could include routes indicated as Option 8 (La Pata/Cristianitos Road extension), Option 9 (east/west connection between 73 and 241 toll roads), and the Crown Valley Parkway extension. Copies of the letter are to be provided to Assemblymembers, State Senators, County Supervisor, OCTA and Caltrans.
2. Direct Staff to develop a plan for the individual alignments to be considered separately, with the understanding that simulations would be developed and that residents affected by each alignment would be notified so that they could speak at the appropriate Council meeting.

Council requested that updates on the toll road extension issue be provided at each Council meeting for the next six months.



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Approvals:

City Manager [Signature]

Dept. Head [Signature]

Attorney [Signature]

Finance [Signature]

AGENDA REPORT

SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Date: March 21, 2017

Department: Public Works / Engineering
Prepared By: Tom Bonigut, Deputy Public Works Director

Subject: *LETTER CONCERNING THE POTENTIAL 241 TOLL ROAD EXTENSION OPTION NUMBER 9.*

Fiscal Impact: None.

Summary: This action is to seek City Council direction to formally request inclusion of a specific potential toll road extension alternative in the upcoming study and environmental review processes as discussed below.

Discussion: The Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) is considering alternatives to address mobility in South Orange County, including various potential routes to extend the 241 toll road from the existing southern terminus at Oso Parkway to a direct connection with Interstate 5. At its September 6, 2016 meeting, the City Council received an update on the process and potential conceptual alternatives developed up to that time. The attached map shows potential alternative toll road extension alignments. Based on input during a public workshop TCA subsequently developed Alternative #13, which involves extending the toll road through the open space between San Capistrano and San Clemente to connect to Interstate 5 just south of San Juan Creek Road. TCA also more recently developed Alternative #17 which begins the same as Alternative #13, but then heads south through open space in San Clemente and through the Camino Los Mares/Avenida Vaquero areas to connect to Interstate 5 where the freeway crosses Avenida Vaquero.

Alternative #9 is shown on the attached map and involves extending the toll road to connect to I-5 about where the 73 toll road connects to I-5. This Alternative #9 was included in presentations to the public, but may no longer be included in the suite of alternatives that will be analyzed in detail in the upcoming planned Project Study and Environmental Impact Report processes. Alternative #9 has already had some conceptual traffic modeling evaluation completed and was shown to provide regional mobility benefits. Since this alternative has the potential to provide a viable connection of the toll road to I-5, the City Council may wish to urge the appropriate transportation agencies, including OCTA, TCA and Caltrans, to include this alternative in the upcoming planned Project Study and Environmental Impact Report processes.

Recommended

Action: STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the City Council direct staff to prepare and submit a letter to the appropriate transportation agencies and regional stakeholders requesting that potential 241 Toll Road Extension Option Number 9 (or closely related variants) be

included and evaluated in the upcoming Project Study Report and Environmental Impact Statement/Report Processes.

Attachment: Map of potential toll road extension alternatives.

Notification: None.



EXHIBIT 1

- ② — Idea 2: Improve Single Track for More Frequent Trains
- Existing Double Track
- ④ ● Idea 4: Mobility Hubs
- ⑥ — Idea 6: Ortega Widening
- ⑧ — Idea 8: Extend La Pata to Cristianitos
- ⑨ — Idea 9: Connect Ortega to Avery and SR 73
- ⑩ — Idea 10: Add I-5 HOV lane (Pico to County Line)
- ⑪/⑫ — Idea 11/12: Add I-5 GP/HOT lane (I-405 to County Line)
- ⑬ — Idea 13: Connect SR 241 to I-5 via Western Alternative
- ⑭ — Idea 14: Connect SR 241 to I-5 via La Pata Crossing
- ⑮ — Idea 15: Connect SR 241 to I-5 via Cristianitos Crossing
- ⑰ — Idea 17: Connect SR 241 to I-5 via Shore Cliffs
- Prima Deshecha Landfill
- RMV Planning Area
- Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo
- Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy
- San Onofre State Beach Leasehold
- Camp Pendleton Boundary
- Coastal Zone Boundary
- South County Major Arterials



