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September 15, 2020

Mr. Kurt Brotcke, Director  
Strategic Planning  
Orange County Transportation Authority  
550 S. Main Street  
Orange, CA 92863-1584

Subject: MPAH Amendment Request for Chiquita Canyon Drive, Fauna Drive, Esencia Drive, and Los Patrones Parkway Extension

Dear Mr. Brotcke:

Orange County Public Works (OCPW) is requesting formal initiation of a Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) Amendment that includes Chiquita Canyon Drive, Fauna Drive, Esencia Drive, and Los Patrones Parkway Extension located primarily within unincorporated Orange County in the Ranch Plan Area of Rancho Mission Viejo.

OCPW proposes the following modifications to the MPAH:

- Reclassification of Chiquita Canyon Drive north of Fauna Drive to Esencia Drive from its current secondary arterial designation to a divided collector.
- Reclassification of Fauna Drive east of Chiquita Canyon Drive to Esencia Drive from its current secondary arterial designation to a collector.
- Reclassification of Esencia Drive north of Andaza Street to Fauna Drive from its current secondary arterial designation to a collector.
- Replacement of Cristianitos Road Extension with Los Patrones Parkway Extension (LPPE) south of Cow Camp Road to Avenida La Pata as a primary arterial.

The requested MPAH changes are primarily within unincorporated Orange County, with the southern terminus of Los Patrones Parkway Extension adjacent to the City of San Clemente. Other stakeholders of the project include the City of San Clemente, the City of San Juan Capistrano, the City of Dana Point, and the Capistrano Unified School District, all of which are in support of the amendment request (see attached support letters). A draft Traffic Study Report to support the requested amendments was shared with OCTA on August 21. The final Traffic Study Report will be submitted in early October.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me or my staff, Wei Zhu, at (714) 647-3976.

Sincerely,

Khalid Bazmi, P.E.  
Chief Deputy Director/County Engineer  
Orange County Public Works

**cc:** Nardy Khan, OCPW/OC Infrastructure Programs  
Denis Bilodeau, OCPW/Traffic & Development Support  
Wei Zhu, OCPW/Traffic & Development Support

**Attachments:** Letter of Support – City of San Clemente  
Letter of Support – City of San Juan Capistrano  
Letter of Support – City of Dana Point  
Resolution – Capistrano Unified School District



# City of San Clemente City Manager

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February 27, 2020

Mr. Shane Silsby, Director  
Orange County Public Works  
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Santa Ana, CA 92701

Mr. Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer  
Orange County Transportation Authority  
550 S. Main Street  
Orange, CA 92868

BY ELECTRONIC EMAIL TO: [SHANE.SILSBY@OCPW.OCGOV.COM](mailto:SHANE.SILSBY@OCPW.OCGOV.COM) AND [DJOHNSON@OCTA.NET](mailto:DJOHNSON@OCTA.NET)

**RE: Support for Amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH), dated February 14, 2020**

Dear Mr. Silsby and Mr. Johnson:

The City of San Clemente has reviewed the *Request for Amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) in Southeast Orange County in the Ranch Plan Area of Rancho Mission Viejo – Chiquita Canyon Road, Fauna Drive, Esencia Drive, Cow Camp Road, and Cristianitos Road*, filed with the County on February 14, 2020, and are supportive of the application.

Over many years, we have witnessed the capacity of the County and OCTA to work with a broad network of stakeholders to execute and deliver meaningful traffic relief and we remain hopeful that this MPAH will lead to a positive result for mobility in South Orange County.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek  
Interim City Manager

cc: San Clemente City Council  
Supervisor Lisa Bartlett  
Mike Balsamo, Rancho Mission Viejo

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March 3, 2020

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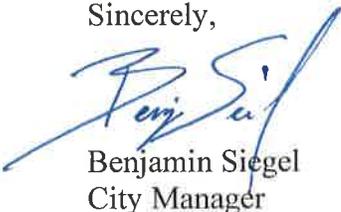
**RE: Support for Amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH),  
dated February 14, 2020**

Dear Mr. Silsby and Mr. Johnson:

The City of San Juan Capistrano has reviewed the *Request for Amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) in Southeast Orange County in the Ranch Plan Area of Rancho Mission Viejo – Chiquita Canyon Road, Fauna Drive, Esencia Drive, Cow Camp Road, and Cristianitos Road*, filed with the County on February 14, 2020, and is supportive of the application.

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Sincerely,



Benjamin Siegel  
City Manager

c: Supervisor Lisa Bartlett  
Tom Toman, San Juan Capistrano Director of Public Works  
Mike Balsamo, Rancho Mission Viejo

*San Juan Capistrano: Preserving the Past to Enhance the Future*



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**RE: Support for Amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH),  
dated February 14, 2020**

Dear Mr. Silsby and Mr. Johnson:

The city of Dana Point has reviewed the *Request for Amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) in Southeast Orange County in the Ranch Plan Area of Rancho Mission Viejo – Chiquita Canyon Road, Fauna Drive, Esencia Drive, Cow Camp Road, and Cristianitos Road*, filed with the County on February 14, 2020, and are supportive of the application.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Denny", is written over a blue horizontal line.

Mark Denny, City Manager  
City of Dana Point

Cc: Matt Sinacori, Dana Point Director of Public Works  
Mike Balsamo, Rancho Mission Viejo

CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
San Juan Capistrano, California

**RESOLUTION NO. 1920-45**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RANCHO MISSION VIEJO, LLC'S REQUEST FOR  
AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER PLAN OF ARTERIAL HIGHWAYS**

*WHEREAS*, on February 14, 2020, the developer Rancho Mission Viejo, LLC (RMV) submitted to the Orange County Public Works a Request for Amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) in Southeast Orange County in the Ranch Plan Area of Rancho Mission Viejo—*Chiquita Canyon Road, Fauna Drive, Esencia Drive, Cow Camp Road, and Cristianitos Road* containing the following five requested Amendments:

1. Reduce Chiquita Canyon Drive from a Secondary Arterial Highway to a Divided Collector
2. Reduce Fauna Drive from a Secondary Arterial Highway to a Collector
3. Reduce Esencia Drive from a Secondary Arterial Highway to a Collector
4. Reduce Cow Camp Road from a Primary Arterial Highway (4 lanes) to a Primary Asymmetric Arterial Highway (3 lanes)
5. Realign Cristianitos Road from Cow Camp Road to Avenida La Pata (to the east away from San Juan Hills High School), to be renamed Los Patrones Parkway.

*WHEREAS*, RMV requested Amendments 1 through 4 because after the build out of Planning Areas 1 and 2, updated traffic modeling confirms that these roads do not have to be as expansive, as originally thought; and

*WHEREAS*, RMV requested Amendment 5 because the terminus of Cristianitos Road is no longer a logical termination, given TCA's withdrawal of the "Green Alignment" for the SR-241 toll extension; and

*WHEREAS*, the reclassification of the roads in Amendments 1 through 4 would not likely create significant impacts on the District's schools or operations; and

*WHEREAS*, Amendment 5 would realign Cristianitos Road into an extension of Los Patrones Parkway from Cow Camp Road to South of San Juan Hills High School, would move traffic away from San Juan Hills High School, and may provide an attractive alternative route for the SR-241 toll road extension instead of along Avenida La Pata or the other alternatives being considered in the South County Traffic Relief Effort; and

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* that the Board of Trustees of the Capistrano Unified School District hereby supports RMV's Request for Amendment of the MPAH because Amendments 1 through 4 reduce the classification of four road segments to a lower level, and

Amendment 5 would displace the Los Patrones Parkway extension away from San Juan Hills High School so that typical significant impacts of air quality, dust, noise, and traffic would be remote. This alignment would promote the safety, health, and learning environment at San Juan Hills High School and the need for potentially disruptive mitigation measures or conditions of approval may not be needed.

*PASSED AND ADOPTED* by the Board of Trustees of the Capistrano Unified School District on March 18, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES	( 4 )
NOES	( 0 )
ABSTAIN	( 0 )
ABSENT	( 1 )

I, Gila Jones, of the Capistrano Unified School District Board of Trustees, hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at the meeting on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, by a roll call vote.

  
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Gila Jones  
Clerk of the Board of Trustees

  
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Kirsten M. Vital  
Superintendent  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees