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James Treadaway Director of OC Public Works 601 N. Ross Street Santa Ana, CA 92701

Subject: Los Patrones Parkway Extension Project – 2021 M2 Regional Capacity Program

Dear Mr. Treadaway,

On behalf of the City of San Clemente, I am writing to support the County of Orange's grant application entitled "Los Patrones Parkway Extension Project" for the 2021 M2 Regional Capacity Program. The grant funding will be used to complete the Planning and Environmental Clearance phase of the Project. San Clemente has been an enthusiastic advocate for the Project since it was first scoped by the County on January 29, 2019. The City fully supports implementation of this non-tolled County arterial as a traditional MPAH project without Caltrans's or TCA's participation as lead or sponsoring agency.

As a County arterial, the Project will improve north-south regional mobility in South Orange County and accommodate regional travel demand by extending the existing Los Patrones Parkway at the terminus of Cow Camp Road with two lanes in each direction to Avenida La Pata. This Project accomplishes those improvements at a fraction of the cost of the toll road contemplated previously and will make transportation funds that might have been committed to those projects available for other urgent projects elsewhere in the County.

Understanding the Project will connect to Avenida La Pata and serve as gateway to San Clemente, the City of San Clemente will collaborate as a responsible agency with the County of Orange during the various project phases to ensure the Project is compatible with our standards and operational needs, including Project design, capacity, signals, and intersections.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Interim City Manager Erik Sund at (949) 361-8341.

Sincerely,

Laura Ferguson Mayor Pro Tem

cc: City Council

Erik Sund, Assistant City Manager

Scott Smith, City Attorney