



## City of Brea

May 24, 2021

Mrs. Stephanie Chhan  
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### **SUBJECT: MPAH AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR TONNER CANYON ROAD AND VALENCIA AVENUE**

Dear Mrs. Chhan,

The City of Brea is requesting formal initiation of a Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) Amendment process that includes Tonner Canyon Road and Valencia Avenue. These two roadway segments are located partially in the City of Brea as well as in the unincorporated area of Orange County, within the sphere of influence of the City of Brea.

In November of 2012, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors conditionally approved an amendment to the MPAH to reclassify the following roadway segments within the City of Brea from arterial to right-of-way reserve status for a period of nine years:

- Tonner Canyon Road from Brea Canyon Road to the future extension of Valencia Avenue
- Valencia Avenue from Carbon Canyon Road to the future extension of Tonner Canyon Road

Subsequently, the amendment became final and OCTA updated the MPAH as documentation was provided to OCTA demonstrating that the City of Brea had complied with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act and amended its General Plan.

The reclassifications associated with this original MPAH Amendment request were based upon environmental issues, future land-use changes in the area, and future traffic projections for the area, as well as the goals identified within the current City of Brea General Plan. Please see Attachment A for original 2012 OCTA Staff Report providing details regarding the original request, as well as the original response letters from Orange County Public Works and the Department of Transportation.

At the time of the original MPAH Amendment request, the Olinda Alpha Landfill was anticipated to close in 2021 and be converted to passive park land uses. However, due to

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increased diversion of trash from the landfill, the County of Orange is now in the process of extending the operation of the Olinda Alpha Landfill to 2036. On account of this, OCTA staff prepared and reviewed the following model scenarios:

1. OCTAM 5.0 Year 2045 Daily Forecasts – With Tonner Extension
2. OCTAM 5.0 Year 2045 Daily Forecasts – Base (Build-Out)
3. OCTAM 5.0 Year 2045 Daily Forecasts – With vs. Without Tonner Extension
4. OCTAM 5.0 Year 2045 vs. Year 2016 Daily Forecasts

Upon review of each of the model scenarios, OCTA staff determined that the Tonner Canyon Road/Valencia Avenue extension would not make a significant impact on the SR-57 Freeway or the surrounding MPAH network. Please see Attachment B for the modeling scenarios provided by OCTA for your review.

As the nine-year right-of-way reserve status period is set to expire on November 9, 2021, and on account of the factors discussed above, the City of Brea is submitting this MPAH Amendment request letter, proposing to modify the MPAH classification of the following arterial facilities as follows:

- Deletion of Tonner Canyon Road from Brea Canyon Road to the future extension of Valencia Avenue; and
- Deletion of Valencia Avenue from Carbon Canyon Road to the future extension of Tonner Canyon Road.

The City contacted both Orange County Public Works and Caltrans for comment since they are key stakeholders given their regional presence in the vicinity of both roadways in question. As a result, please find the attached correspondence from Orange County Public Works and Caltrans, provided as Attachment C and Attachment D respectively.

We are hopeful that the proposed MPAH Amendment can be processed administratively and in a timely manner. Please review the enclosed items and advise as to any additional information that may be needed. Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions regarding this request, I can be contacted at 714-990-7698.

Sincerely,



Tony Olmos, P.E.  
Public Works Director

Enclosures: Attachment A – 2012 OCTA Staff Report\*  
Attachment B – Modeling Scenarios\*  
Attachment C – Orange County Public Works Letter of Support  
Attachment D – Caltrans Letter of Support

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May 11, 2021

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**Subject: Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) Amendment**

Dear Mr. Olmos:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated April 28, 2021 regarding the City of Brea's lead in processing a new MPAH Amendment for the following arterial facilities:

- Deletion of Tonner Canyon Road from Brea Canyon Road to the future extension of Valencia Avenue.
- Deletion of Valencia Avenue from Carbon Canyon Road to the future extension of Tonner Canyon Road.

As a result of your letter, OC Public Works reached out to our OC Waste & Recycling team and confirmed that although the targeted closure date of the Olinda Alpha Landfill was the end of 2021, they are now in the process of extending operations to 2036. With this change, the City of Brea worked with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) to study scenarios forecasting traffic impacts into the year 2045. Upon review of OCTA's model scenarios in Attachment A, OCTA has indicated that the Tonner Canyon Road and Valencia Avenue extensions would not have a significant impact on the SR-57 Freeway or the surrounding MPAH network. With these factors taken into consideration, OC Public Works supports:

- The City of Brea's proposal to take the lead and initiate the formal process for preparation of an MPAH Amendment in compliance with OCTA's "Guidance for Administration of the Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways" and the California Environmental Quality Act.
- City of Brea acting as the sponsoring agency for OCTA's MPAH Amendment process.
- City of Brea's request to delete Tonner Canyon Road from Brea Canyon Road to the future extension of Valencia Avenue, and delete Valencia Avenue from Carbon Canyon Road to the future extension of Tonner Canyon Road.

Please coordinate with OC Development Services/Planning at (714) 667-8815 to ensure compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and to disclose any potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed amendment, as well as consistency with the General Plan for the County of Orange.

Thank you,

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OC Public Works

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Joanna Chang, OC Public Works



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May 21, 2021

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Dear Mr. Olmos

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendment, for the deletion of Tonner Canyon Road from Brea Canyon Road to the future extension of Valencia Ave, and the deletion of Valencia Avenue from Carbon Canyon Road to the future extension of Tonner Canyon Road, from the Master Plan of Arterial Highways.

The California Department of Transportation, District 12 currently has no comments on this proposal.

Please continue to keep us informed of this project and any future developments, which could potentially impact State Transportation facilities. If you have any questions or need to contact us, please do not hesitate to contact Scott Shelley at [Scott.Shelley@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Scott.Shelley@dot.ca.gov) or at (657) 328-6164.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Shelley".

Scott Shelley, Branch Chief  
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