



August 29, 2025

Ms. Ivy Hang  
Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)  
550 South Main Street  
Orange, CA 92868

**Re: Request for Amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) in Dana Point**

Dear Ms. Hang,

The City of Dana Point is requesting an amendment of the MPAH for multiple road segments within the City as part of the General Plan Circulation Element Update. The purpose of these changes is to update the designations to reflect the current roadway configurations and the City's intent on retaining the existing lane configurations and access control.

The City engaged with Fehr & Peers to conduct a city-wide traffic assessment which is included as **Attachment A** in this request. Their analysis shows that nearly all roadway segments and intersections are forecasted to operate at LOS C or better under Future Year (2050) conditions with the proposed amendments. Roadway segments that currently operate at LOS D are not expected to significantly degrade in the future.

All of the requested changes are within the City of Dana Point; however, several roadways do connect with adjacent jurisdictions including Laguna Niguel, Laguna Beach, San Juan Capistrano, San Clemente, and Caltrans. Fehr & Peers' analysis concludes that traffic is not expected to shift to other roadways in adjacent jurisdictions as roadways in the City have sufficient capacity and geographical conditions limit the availability of alternate routes.

**REQUESTED CHANGES**

**Table 1** lists the proposed changes. The technical report includes maps that show the existing and proposed designations. As noted in the table, most changes do not result in a reduction in the number of travel lanes. These changes were reviewed by OCTA staff at a scoping meeting on May 20, 2025.

**Table 1: Proposed MPAH Amendments**

Roadway	Extent	Existing # of Lanes	Existing Designation (# of lanes)	Proposed Designation (# of lanes)	Change Results in Reduction of Lanes
Del Prado Avenue	PCH (West) to Golden Lantern	2	Secondary Arterial (4)	Divided Collector (2)	No
	Golden Lantern to PCH (East)/Copper Lantern	EB: 2 WB: 1 Total: 3	Secondary Arterial (4)	Divided Collector (2)	Yes

Roadway	Extent	Existing # of Lanes	Existing Designation (# of lanes)	Proposed Designation (# of lanes)	Change Results in Reduction of Lanes
Crown Valley Parkway	PCH to Camino Del Avion	4	Major Arterial (6)	Primary Arterial (4)	No
Niguel Road	PCH to Camino Del Avion	4	Major Arterial (6)	Primary Arterial (4)	No
Selva Road	PCH to Chula Vista Avenue	2 <sup>1</sup>	Undivided Collector (2)	Divided Collector (2)	No
Street of the Golden Lantern	PCH to Selva Road	4	Major Arterial (6)	Primary Arterial (4)	No
	Selva Road to Stonehill Drive	NB: 3 SB: 2 Total: 5	Major Arterial (6)	Primary Arterial (5)	No
	Stonehill Drive to Camino Del Avion	4	Major Arterial (6)	Primary Arterial (4)	No
Coast Highway	Doheny Park Road to Palisades Drive	2 <sup>1</sup>	Primary Arterial (4)	Divided Collector (2)	No
Pacific Coast Highway	Crown Valley Parkway to Del Prado Avenue (West)	4	Major Arterial (6)	Primary Arterial (4)	No
	Del Prado Avenue (West) to Del Prado Avenue (East)/Copper Lantern	4	Secondary Arterial (4)	Primary Arterial (4)	No
Coast Highway Connector	San Juan Creek Trail to Coast Highway/Doheny Park Road	1 (EB Only)	Primary Arterial (4)	Undivided Collector (1)	No
Dana Point Harbor Drive	West of Golden Lantern	2	Primary Arterial (4)	<i>Remove from MPAH</i>	No
Camino De Estrella	Camino Capistrano to Calle Hermosa	4	Primary Arterial (4)	Divided Collector (2)	Yes

Notes:

1. City recently completed road diet along this segment.

Source: City of Dana Point, 2025.

The changes are consistent with the proposed roadway classifications in the City's Draft General Plan Circulation Element (June 2025). The General Plan is anticipated to be approved by City Council in October.

If you have any questions regarding the requested changes, please contact me at [msinacori@danapoint.org](mailto:msinacori@danapoint.org) or (949) 248-3574. Questions regarding the technical analysis prepared by Fehr & Peers can be directed to Brian Wolfe at [b.wolfe@fehrandpeers.com](mailto:b.wolfe@fehrandpeers.com) or (949) 308-6313.

Sincerely,



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**Attachments:**

Attachment A: MPAH Amendment Technical Study

Attachment B: OCTAM Model Files