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**Subject: City Support for Connection from Union Valley Parkway to the Elks Rodeo Frontage Road**

The City of Santa Maria is in support of the recommendation of the County Planning Commission to include a new public road connection at the east side of the Union Valley Parkway and the U.S. 101 interchange as part of the Circulation Element Update program.

We appreciate the Planning Commission's recognition of the importance of this item, by their recommendation to add this public roadway connection to the Circulation Element portion of the Planning & Development work plan. We strongly urge the board to accept the recommendation of the County Planning Commission and approve this item as part of the 2017-2018 Long Range Planning Division Work Program.

The addition of this roadway segment would facilitate the multi-agency approval process to provide an alternate access to the Elks' Unocal Events Center. The Elks have been expanding the number and scope of events to the point where the facility has become a regional draw for the community. The need to improve circulation for safety and public convenience is becoming a more urgent priority. Providing a frontage road connection to the Union Valley Parkway interchange will supplement the existing connection at the Santa Maria Way interchange, which will provide a significant improvement to traffic circulation before, during, and after events.

Sincerely,

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City Manager