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**SUBJ:** Olive Mill Roundabout - Damage to our Property

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Based on the current design plan, the exit ramp would:

- Utilize most if not all of the right-of-way that extends onto our property. That would confiscate as much as 10 to 12 feet of the entire frontage of our property.
- The design would destroy old-growth oaks and pittosporums along Jameson Lane and Olive Mill ... as well as the bordering fence. The trees are the only source of shade to our property, and the fence and trees constitute both a visual and sound barrier from the traffic on Jameson, Olive Mill, the intersection, and the 101.
- Our driveway rises from road level to a height of 3 feet within the right of way. The current design would flatten that section, making entrance to our property impossible for our cars or any other vehicles, including emergency vehicles.
- This design would also, in essence, move our house – in particular, the windows of the two front bedrooms – up to 12 feet closer to the noise and pollution of the streets.

Clearly, the current design severely degrades the livability and market value of our property. We believe that it is unacceptably damaging to us.

We'd like to commend the County Transportation staff - including Chris Sneddon and Walter Rubalcava - as well as the City Public Works staff - particularly Laura Yanez - for their continued interest and engagement in addressing our concerns. They have committed to a number of actions to address some of these impacts. We look forward to continuing work with the City and County as the project proceeds.

However, the Board should know that these proposed actions, while appreciated, only *modify our property* to adapt to the current design. They do nothing to alter the design to *minimize* or *eliminate* the problems.

We strongly urge the Supervisors to consider alternatives to the current exit ramp location and design ... and direct the County and City to develop an *alternate* design that would eliminate or at least minimize the impact to our property.

Thank you.