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**RE: 4/19 Departmental Budget Agenda Item - Planning & Development**

The Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce encourages the Board of Supervisors to support the recommendation of the Planning Commission and include a new public road connection at the east side of the Union Valley Parkway and U.S. 101 interchange as part of the Circulation Element Update program. Specifically, this addition would begin the process of linking the Union Valley Parkway and its interchange with the frontage road that runs in front of the Elks' Unocal Events Center.

As the Elks continue to expand the number and scope of events held at the Unocal Events Center, the need to improve circulation in and out of the facility is becoming a more urgent priority. By providing a frontage road that connects to both the Union Valley Parkway interchange as addition to the existing connection at the Santa Maria Way interchange will be a significant improvement.

We appreciate the Planning Commission's recognition of the importance of moving this item forward and adding to their recommendations relative to the Circulation Element portion of the Planning & Development work plan. We strongly urge the board to follow suit and approve this item as part of the 2017-2018 program.

Sincerely,

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