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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 a new public road connection at the east side of the Union Valley Parkway and the U.S. 101 interchange. We are requesting this be done as part of the Circulation Element Update program. This was presented to the Planning Commission as part of the Long Range Planning Division FY 18-19 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.

We strongly urge the board to add this to the FY 2018-2019 Long Range Planning Division Work Program.

Sincerely,

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