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Clerk of the Board
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
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TO: Das Williams, Chair
Janet Wolf, Supervisor
Joan Hartman, Supervisor
Peter Adam, Supervisor
Steve Lavagnino, Supervisor
Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer

RE: 2018 Departmental Budget Agenda Item - Planning & Development

The Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce encourages the Board of Supervisors to 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. I believe this item was endorsed last year by the Planning Commission and it remains a key priority for our community.

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 also note that the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District is moving forward with plans to build a Career Technical High School facility in this same area, adding additional traffic and need for improved circulation east of Highway 101 between Santa Maria Way and Union Valley Parkway. We are confident that additional development will occur in this area as a result of these projects, and will be enhanced by an improved circulation system.

We strongly urge the Board to direct the Planning & Development staff to add this item as part of the 2018-2019 program.

Sincerely,

Glenn D. Morris
President & CEO