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Board Hearing April 18, 2018

Planning and Development Department Budget Hearing

To the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors

Over the last couple of years, members of the Santa Maria and Orcutt areas have requested funding for the Circulation Element amendment for the Union Valley Parkway Interchange connection to the east side of US Highway 101.

Although there does seem to be Board support for this effort to amend the Orcutt Community Plan Circulation Element for a connection of the Rodeo Drive (Frontage Road) from Santa Maria Way to Union Valley Parkway, this request continues to be deferred. Without this Circulation Element change by the County, CalTrans will not allow the UVP interchange to be connected to the east.

Over the last twenty years the ELKs Rodeo continues to grow with more activities each year and the main event occurring in first week of June each year. Last year there was over 8,000 people at the event per day with only one access point in and out of the facility.

Also the Santa Maria High School has acquired 25 acres of land for a new Agricultural and Career Campus. All of these activities are happening with only one access point at Santa Maria Way and US Highway 101.

The UVP connection to the east is more critical than ever. Please see the attached exhibits to see how little it would take to make this connection. Most of the Rodeo Drive is already built to the east end of UVP but there is no connection.

We request that this long range planning project be funded this year for an estimate of \$150,000.00 to complete the traffic study and Environmental review.

This project is supported by the City of Santa Maria, the Chamber of Commerce, the ELKS, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District and the Orcutt community. With this connection to the east side of the freeway many Orcutt residents will be able to walk and ride bikes to the ELKS in a much safer route.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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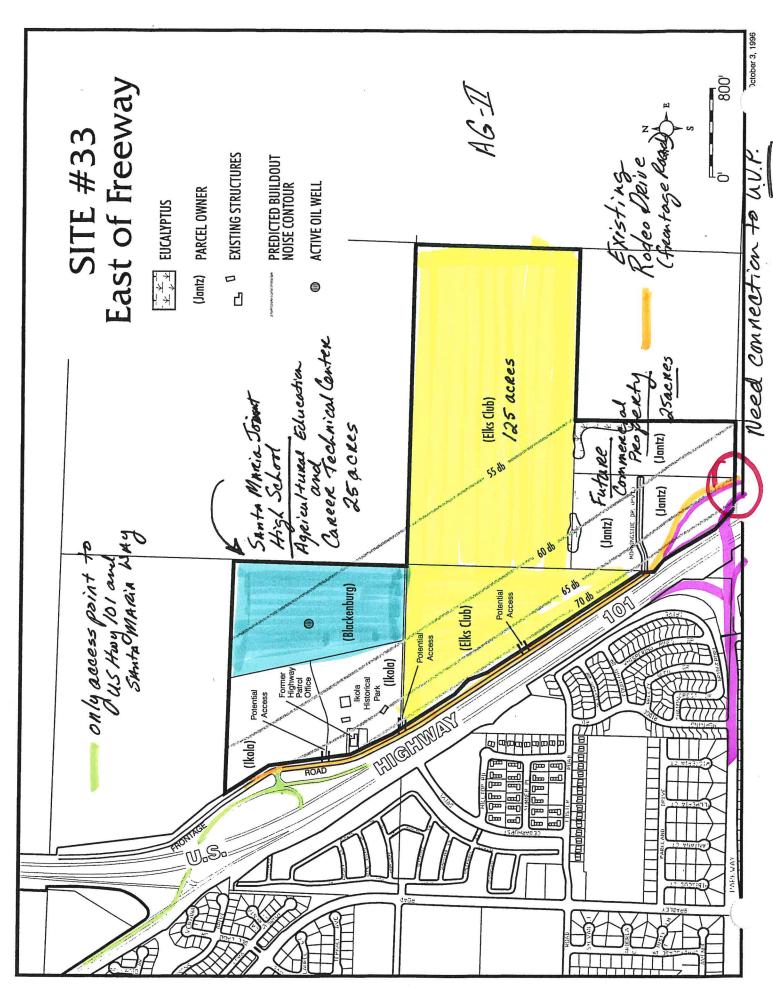


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