

September 12, 2023

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Re: I-5/El Toro Road Interchange Project

Dear Ms. Czaban:

The purpose of this letter is to bring a problem with the scoping process for the proposed Interstate 5/El Toro Road Interchange Project (“Project”) to your attention. The City of Laguna Woods (“City”) participated in that process and timely submitted comments during the scoping period, which ended August 25, 2023. Pursuant to the instructions provided on OCTA’s website and the Public Scoping Meeting invitation, the City’s comments were mailed to: Emily Czaban, ICF, 49 Discovery, Suite 250, Irvine, California 92618. That letter, however, was recently returned to the City as undeliverable, with an indication that such address is no longer valid and that mail forwarding had expired (see enclosed copy of returned envelope).

In addition to mailing its comments, the City also submitted the same comments via email. Accordingly, we assume Caltrans and OCTA received such comments, despite the issue described above. Nonetheless, it seems very likely that comments from other attempted commenters were never received. Accordingly, the City requests that Caltrans and OCTA re-open the public scoping period to allow any affected parties an opportunity to re-submit their comments.

The City also requests that Caltrans confirm it received the comments the City previously submitted via email, and urges Caltrans to use the opportunity of an extended scoping period to correct the issues outlined in those comments. Should you wish to further discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact City Manager Christopher Macon at (949) 639-0525 or cmacon@cityoflagunawoods.org.

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Enclosure

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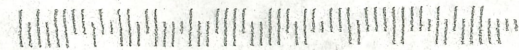
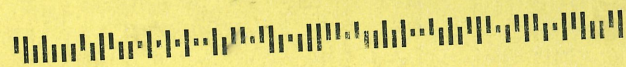


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