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**RE: SMAAC Recommendations for the Highway 58 and Highway 101 Interchange and a Frontage Road Connection between Santa Margarita and San Luis Obispo**

As an advisory council, we are grateful for your presentation regarding the Highway 101 Corridor Update during our October SMAAC meeting. During the meeting you received comments and questions from the public and from members of the SMAAC council. In an effort to formally request attention to specific concerns of the Highway 101 Corridor affecting our community, SMAAC is providing this letter to you. We appreciate your attention to these concerns and encourage you to include our comments in your current and long term plans.

Highway 101 Frontage Road –

We request your attention to the planning, designing, and construction of a frontage road connecting Santa Margarita to San Luis Obispo. The primary concern is providing a safe and accessible frontage road connecting Tassajara Creek Road to Hwy 58 in order to eliminate the unsafe intersection of vehicles entering and exiting the highway at this location. The secondary concern is to continue the frontage road from Tassajara Creek Road to connect with Old Stage Coach Road at the top of the Cuesta Grade. Providing a frontage road along this portion of the Highway 101 Corridor will be beneficial in many facets such as access to multiple transportation modes (bicycling, pedestrian, and equestrian) and emergency access during a critical events. We encourage you and your organizations to begin the process now of acquiring the necessary right of way property for these improvements.

Highway 101 and Highway 58 Interchange –

We request your attention to the planning, designing, and construction of an improved interchange in this location during this initial phase of the Highway 101 Corridor improvements in SLO County. During your recent presentation, this location of Highway 101 was not considered a priority for improvements. We believe this is an oversight and should be reviewed further. The safety concerns present at this interchange and the neighboring Highway crossings are significant and introduce traffic constraints that are not sustainable with our anticipated population increases.

We encourage you to seriously consider improvements along this area of the Highway 101 Corridor for the aforementioned reasons and within a high priority.

Respectfully,



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Chairman  
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