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October 19, 2010

Mr. Peter Naghavi, Director
Department of Public Services
City of Costa Mesa
P.O. Box 1200
Costa Mesa, CA 92628-1200

Re: Expansion of 405 Freeway through Costa Mesa

Dear Mr. Naghavi:

Thanks to you and Mr. Raja Sethuraman for both taking your personal time to brief the Directors and other members of Mesa North Community Association yesterday evening on the 405 Freeway Expansion project.

I am sure every one using this stretch of freeway would be in favor of improvements that eliminate to traffic compression caused by the lane reductions between the interception of the 605 Freeway and Harbor Blvd. I recall that when I lived in Laguna Beach some years ago, I would often avoid that stretch by taking Pacific Coast Highway to avoid the 405 congestion. Now that said, the widening will, no doubt, attract more traffic on the 405.

Since the added lanes would bring traffic closer to the sound walls, is it practical to raise their height to deflect the inevitable exhaust fumes from the traffic? If there are other ways to reduce the toxic emissions on the residents, I think that would be an important consideration. After all, public health is a consequence that has ethical and financial costs to the public.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Peacock".

Gary Peacock

Cc: Colin McCarthy
President, MNCA

SETHURAMAN, RAJA

From: NAGHAVI, PETER
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2010 8:24 AM
To: 'jacknpeg91@ca.rr.com'
Cc: ROEDER, ALLAN; SETHURAMAN, RAJA
Subject: RE: 405 Expansion Project

Dear John and Margaret Higgins :

Thank you very much for your email and input with regards to proposed I-405 widening project.

While these alternatives are currently under review, no specific alternative has been selected as yet. Like you, many other local residents have voiced their concerns with one or more alternatives. Costa Mesa staff will collect all local concerns and will submit them to OCTA for their information and record.

Thanks again for caring about our community.

Peter Naghavi, Director
Dept. of Public Services
City of Costa Mesa, CA

-----Original Message-----

From: jacknpeg91@ca.rr.com [mailto:jacknpeg91@ca.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 20, 2010 2:20 PM
To: NAGHAVI, PETER
Subject: 405 Expansion Project

Dear Mr Naghavi,

I write to protest Alternative 3 of the 405 Freeway expansion plan. This plan has a detrimental impact on Costa Mesa not only through significant inconvenience to local citizens but also the potential for negative financial impact to the City. The communities south of the 405 from Euclid to Bristol would experience increased freeway noise as the lanes would be pushed closer to the sound walls and neighborhoods (e.g., Gisler park sound wall). This plan would also make it more difficult to travel locally and would not make for convenient exiting of potential customers passing through the City.

This proposed I-405 widening project provides insignificant and minimal benefit to Costa Mesa residents and I encourage you and our City Council to reject it.

Thank you,
John & Margaret Higgins
Costa Mesa Residents since 1991

SETHURAMAN, RAJA

From: NAGHAVI, PETER
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 8:33 AM
To: SETHURAMAN, RAJA
Subject: FW: Proposed I-405 HOT plans

*Peter Naghavi, Director
Dept. of Public Services
City of Costa Mesa, CA*

From: The Stovers [mailto:calcs1224@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 8:04 AM
To: NAGHAVI, PETER
Subject: Proposed I-405 HOT plans

The plans to add HOT lanes to access Toll-73 from and to I-405 are examples of wasteful spending, and not compatible for the community with elevated ramping. (Work completed at the Fairview bridge across I-405 caused traffic slowdowns far too long.)

Using private financing would benefit toll road users at the inconvenience to through traffic on I-405. We are occasional users of the toll road and find it used sparsely. Consider more lanes from South 55 to North 405 instead!

Corinne Stover

SETHURAMAN, RAJA

From: NAGHAVI, PETER
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 8:31 AM
To: 'rschowe173@aol.com'
Cc: SETHURAMAN, RAJA
Subject: RE: HOV-HOT LANES ON THE 405

Thank you and we will make sure to provide your comments to OCTA.

*Peter Naghavi, Director
Dept. of Public Services
City of Costa Mesa, CA*

From: rschowe173@aol.com [mailto:rschowe173@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 8:53 AM
To: NAGHAVI, PETER
Subject: HOV-HOT LANES ON THE 405

Dear Sir,

I think this project would place yet another burden upon those who use the 405 freeway every day to go to work. Taking away the regular Car Pool lane would require those who need such a lane or its equivalent to pay for the privilege which is now free to those who are qualified to use the lane. I do not see how this could benefit the City of Costa Mesa where I live.

Best regards,

**Richard N. Schowengerdt
714-546-7357**

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SETHURAMAN, RAJA

From: NAGHAVI, PETER
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 10:07 AM
To: 'Steve F'
Cc: SETHURAMAN, RAJA
Subject: RE: 405 Widening Project to add toll roads

Thank you for your email Steve.
We will forward your email to OCTA.

*Peter Naghavi, Director
Dept. of Public Services
City of Costa Mesa, CA*

From: Steve F [mailto:beancounter-1@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 8:25 PM
To: NAGHAVI, PETER
Subject: 405 Widening Project to add toll roads

To Whom It May Concern:

As residents of the Halecrest track in North Costa Mesa, my entire family strongly opposes the proposed project to widen the 405 freeway near Fairview to add 405 toll lanes and eliminate the car pool lane.

My family uses Gisler Park near the freeway daily to walk to including taking my grandson Monday through Friday. The noise level even with the soundwall is already too much for the park and the homes next to the park. We oppose increased noise.

They just completed a \$7 million project to widen the Fairview bridge. Now that money would be somewhat wasted by additional construction which is a further Fairview traffic burden on our Costa Mesa community which will not benefit by this new project.

Please do not do this and cancel this project.

Steve French (3058 Murray Lane, Costa Mesa 92626)
Maritza French
Verna French
Erika Browell

Danielle Tokarz (102 Pinon Tree Lane, Costa Mesa 92627)
Matt Tokarz
Rowan Tokarz

11/22/2010

SETHURAMAN, RAJA

From: NAGHAVI, PETER
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 10:05 AM
To: 'stevem@iis1.net'
Cc: SETHURAMAN, RAJA
Subject: RE: Can 405 HOT Lane Funding be used to build Reverse Toll Booths?

Thank you for your email. We will certainly include this email as part of a general package to OCTA at some point. I would however, like to make a comment about using "HOT" lane funds towards other things such as ped. Bridges.... At this time, there is no "HOT" lane funding available. The funding will only become a reality if there is indeed a "HOT" lane in operation that generates the funding source, such as sale of bonds etc....

Peter Naghavi, Director
Dept. of Public Services
City of Costa Mesa, CA

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve Mariani [mailto:stevem@iis1.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 5:47 PM
To: NAGHAVI, PETER
Subject: Can 405 HOT Lane Funding be used to build Reverse Toll Booths?

Instead of demolishing perfectly good new bridges on the 405, why not use the CAL TRANS HOT Lane money to build new WIDE pedestrian bridges that will attract pedestrians, bikes and golf carts. This will divert local traffic off the 405 at rush hour and lower emissions.

Imagine being able to walk, bike or golf cart over a wide bridge from residential park areas to commercial shopping areas across the 405.

Metro Point and IKEA come to mind. Most residents would prefer to walk, bike or Golf Cart all the time if it was safe and enjoyable.

OCC students would also have a safe, enjoyable path to bike to school or to go off campus for lunch.

HOT Lane funding could also be used to create a fund for "reverse" toll booths that dispense store coupons with a hour time stamp on them to encourage bridge use to go shopping at the malls. Everyone wins.

Cal Trans gets to build new bridges and toll booths and life in Costa Mesa gets upgraded.

The Department of Transportation will convert our town into an carelessly planned inner-city if we just roll with the default vision of the central planners in Sacramento and in DC. Was Costa Mesa made for the Freeway or was the Freeway made for Costa Mesa?

Best regards,
Steve Mariani
3062 Murray LN
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

SETHURAMAN, RAJA

From: SETHURAMAN, RAJA
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2010 9:29 AM
To: SETHURAMAN, RAJA
Subject: FW: 405 MIS

From: mike brumbaugh [mailto:mlbrum@att.net]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2010 8:43 AM
To: SETHURAMAN, RAJA
Cc: NAGHAVI, PETER
Subject: Re: 405 MIS

Thank you gentlemen. Mike Brumbaugh

- The goal is to connect the 73 with the 605 freeway with additional lanes
- The project cost is projected to be \$1.7 billion
- Alternative 3 is the only one that impacts Costa Mesa
- Alternate 3 adds two additional lanes to the 405 that will be "HOT" lanes (High occupancy/toll lanes) and eliminates the car pool lane
- The 405 would be widened for the additional lanes and would push the lanes closer to the sound walls and neighborhoods (e.g. lanes closer to Gisler park sound wall) and could increase traffic noise
- The newly re-constructed Fairview Rd. bridge would have to be re-constructed again to make it wider for the additional lanes under it. The I-405 widening project that was completed almost 10 years ago was done for a traffic volume/speed demand with a forecast year of 2020. The cost for the recent bridge widening construction was 7 million dollars.
- This proposed I-405 widening project provides insignificant and minimal benefit to Costa Mesa residents who travel the 405 locally. People who currently travel the toll roads daily from Costa Mesa to some destination may see the benefit.
- It is not currently known where and if there will be a convenient entrance to the new "HOT" lanes from our community. It may also be difficult to exit the "HOT" lanes into our city.