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SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

June 13, 2006

Honorable Bill Rosendahl
415 City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Proposed Proposed 10-month Reconstruction of California Incline

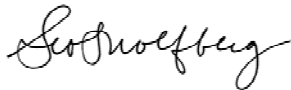
Dear Councilmember Rosendahl,

This evening, the SMCCA board received a briefing from representatives of the City of Santa Monica on that city's proposed reconstruction of the California Incline sidehill bridge. Historically, traffic delays on PCH because of fires or accidents have created total gridlock in our small canyon. Thus, the board is extremely concerned with the serious impact this project will have on our quality of life. Our anxiety only increased when we learned that our DOT engineer, Mo Blorfroshan, had no knowledge of this project. The Santa Monica representatives were cooperative but were unable to answer the board member's questions on the impact of the project and what mitigation measures we might expect. It appears the "project limits" only include the immediate area of the project, when traffic impacts will extend to Malibu.

Directors reviewed the carefully crafted resolution adopted on June 6, 2006 by the Pacific Palisades Community Council and voted unanimously to endorse the resolution and transmit it to you. We urge you to use your good offices to protect Santa Monica Canyon from the adverse impacts of this project to the maximum possible extent.

Please keep us informed of steps you are taking to support our request. We thank you.

Respectfully,



George Wolfberg
President

attach: PPCC Resolution

RESOLUTION of Pacific Palisades Community Council ADOPTED June 8, 2006

Whereas, the impact on the Pacific Palisades and particularly Santa Monica Canyon, of the proposed 10-month closure of the California Incline is potentially very detrimental to the local residents and could exacerbate existing traffic congestion and traffic safety issues; and

Whereas the PPCC understands that traffic will be routed via PCH to Entrada and West Channel Road where both intersections are already rated at the worst category ("F") for traffic congestion; and

Whereas, the PPCC believes there are steps in the design and construction of this important project that can provide relief from the significant, anticipated, negative impacts of this project. These include design parameters, configuration of detour routes and expedited construction.

Now, Therefore, the PPCC Resolves that the following matters should be considered in mitigation of the negative aspects of this project and that Councilman Bill Rosendahl's office be requested to make the amelioration of the negative impacts of this project a high priority of the City of Los Angeles in its dealings with the City of Santa Monica with respect to this project:

1. The PPCC recommends that the following be included in the design and implementation of this project:

- Require around-the-clock construction effort [24/7] by the contractor with bonus for early completion and substantial penalties for preventable delays, such as was done with the Santa Monica Freeway reconstruction after the earthquake damage in the vicinity of La Cienega Blvd.
- Provide enhanced signage to direct traffic away from Santa Monica Canyon, including signs in Santa Monica, at a minimum on the following Streets at Ocean Ave, and elsewhere, as appropriate:
 - California,
 - Wilshire Blvd.,
 - Santa Monica Blvd.,(SR-2)
 - Colorado,
 - Broadway, and
 - Arizona

directing traffic with arrows toward the pier/ramp to PCH with text: "All Beach Traffic" and "Construction Detour / California Incline Closed." Signs on Eastbound PCH should similarly direct traffic towards the pier/ramp/Lincoln Blvd. off-ramp, and NOT Santa Monica Canyon.

- Develop a contingency plan to be implemented should Entrada Drive traffic back up to San Vicente Blvd. to divert traffic at 26th Street and other alternatives as identified by a thorough traffic study and implemented using programmable message boards, temporary signals, manual traffic control personnel or other necessary and appropriate measures.

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- Design the new incline to permit Right turns to reduce U-turns by tourists and visitors who realize they have passed the last opportunity to turn toward the City of Santa Monica.
2. RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chairman of the PPCC is hereby authorized and instructed to write a letter to Councilman Rosendahl enclosing a copy of this duly adopted Resolution of the PPCC and to take whatever additional steps the Chairman may believe are necessary or appropriate to further the intent of this resolution.

Dated and Adopted: June 8, 2006