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Ms. Cindy Quon, Director
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Re: I-5 Chokepoint Projects at Oso and Crown Valley Parkway

Dear Director Quon,

I want to thank you for your response to my original letter in May and your commitment to accelerate projects to relieve congestion at the Oso and Crown Valley Parkway chokepoints. Subsequent conversations between members of our respective staffs have brought South Orange County much closer to realizing chokepoint improvements along the I-5 South.

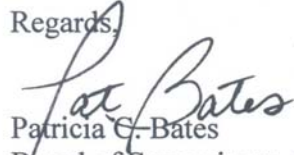
The traffic conundrum that is South Orange County can only be solved by a collaborative effort. Your willingness to step up and work to secure the \$27 million necessary to clear the chokepoint at Oso Parkway is a step in the right direction. It is my understanding that you will request this funding at no later than the December California Transportation Commission (CTC) hearing and if approved we are looking at an 18 month window for the project to be complete.

This is great news for South Orange County and you have my commitment to continue working with you, the CTC, OCTA and as an advocate for the necessary funding to take traffic congestions relief projects from the drawing board to the road. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to expedite the receipt of these important dollars that do more than move cars along, but create a safer driving experience for the residents of South Orange County.

I also wanted to thank you for joining me in meeting with officials from the California Highway Patrol (CHP). Among the many insights shared in that meeting, I was particularly happy to hear that there are no plans to close the San Juan Capistrano CHP office. This is also great news for residents who rely on CHP patrols to enforce traffic safety laws. With the still growing population in South County, we definitely need our own CHP office. As I mentioned in the meeting, I will continue to advocate for the funding necessary to ensure appropriate staffing levels for the San Juan Capistrano office.

Please, do not hesitate to contact me or my Chief of Staff, Justin McCusker directly at 714-834-3550 to discuss the next steps in our efforts to move these projects forward.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat Bates".

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