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Responses to Comment Letter G-21
Yao Li

Response to Comment G-21
Your comment in support of Alternative 2 is noted.

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"Alternative 2 existing connector for 6-lane Freeway"!

Yao Li

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NW 138 Corridor Improvement Project

G-22

Edgar Gutierrez

From: JASON ZINK <zink@jasonzink.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 27, 2016 1:36 AM
To: NW138
Cc: Christine Borzaga, Mayor Mike Antonovich; Town Council Assoc, debbie@arbor.org; L Jason Caudle; denny.brazell@cagov.gov; senator.nurner@senate.ca.gov; Assemblymen Lackey; Glenn Muck; L R Rex Parks; L R Rex Parks; L Martin Cist; L Kern Money; Raj Mathi; L Angela Lindermood-Jacob; Jim Purtee; Jim Woodford; p Mike Dispenza; p Steve Hofbauer; P Fred Thompson; Rosana Martinez; Mike Mishel; AV AQUO; Brad Babits; Greater AVEA

Subject: More Input on NW SR 138 Lancaster City Limits & Zoning Map

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Measure R was a ballot measure during the November 2008 elections in Los Angeles County, California, that proposed a half-cent sales tax. The measure was approved by voters with 67.22% of the vote, just over the two-thirds majority required by the state of California to raise local taxes.

Measure J, went before the voters on November 6, 2012. It failed to pass, receiving 66.1%.

Below you will find links to City of Lancaster’s City limits and Zoning Map.

Lancaster Zoning Map:
http://www.cityoflancaster.org/home/showdocument?id=32653

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PHILJUSS95-02 SP Fox Field Industrial Co. Rd or Specific Plan R-2.5 MU ER 5 R-7.000 HE SRRR 25 RR R 2 R RR R 25 R RR R 25 City Limits Map Link:
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Cut and Pasted from Last Email to the State & County:

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-Routes freeway through Higher Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Zoning. Not though Rural Country Area Communities of AV.
-Better drive for future residence then local roads for planned development to the South in the City of Lancaster. And future Fort Tejon/Centennial City residence that will travel to Lancaster for shopping/work/government services.
-Quicker Emergency Route for the Westside residents to AV Hospital ER.
-Safes the wind and Dust Visibility Prone Area to the North that has caused many vehicle wrecks, injures for decades.
-Less exposure to Sewer Plant and it’s smell.
-Construction Costs for Freeway would be less.
-It builds New Economic Development Wealth in AV with this South Freeway Route, because sewer and water infrastructure is in place. At Ave D there is no local infrastructure.

Also, here is the first State Purchase for the Metropolitan By-Pass Freeway Project in Antelope Valley for those that don’t know how smart planners were 50 some years ago. Maybe it will inspire us. We must be Visionary like them.


Sincerely,

Jason Zink
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Response to Comment Letter G-23
Hazel Tien

Response to Comment G-23
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Mark Clerking
Community Relations Manager - North County and Regional Rail Community and Municipal Affairs
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We provide excellence in service and support.

---Original Message---
From: Hazel Tien [mailto:hazeltien@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 9:40 AM
To: NW138
Subject: Objection of Alternative 1

Dear Mr. Regulator,

Please be advised that Alternative 1 is extremely selfish and irresponsible. We wonder how this could become a listed alternative. Let us go back to track. ONLY ALTERNATIVE 2 is please.

Hazel Tien,
Co-owner of D4138/aw.138th St.


**Response to Comment G-24**

Mei Lu

Your comment in support of Alternative 2 is noted.

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From: Yumei Lu <meilu@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 27, 2016 1:57 PM
To: NW138
Subject: I vote for the "Alternative 2 existing connector for 6-lane Freeway"

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Mei Lu
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Responses to Comment Letter G-25
Marty Meeden

Response to Comment G-25
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Response to Comment Letter G-26
CW Lowery

Response to Comment G-26
The need for the project is based on an assessment of the existing and future transportation demand in the project area compared to the existing capacity of the facility. The improvements included in the alternatives were developed based on the approved land use plan by Los Angeles County and as defined in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) forecast traffic volumes for the 2040 horizon year. The improvements will not be needed until the traffic increases and the traffic increases are based on how quickly the land use buildout occurs. Local land use decisions are at the local level and Caltrans is responsible for implementing and maintaining the state infrastructure identified in these plans. A widening of SR-138 is in this area needs to comply with the local land use decisions and the transportation elements identified to allow the growth to occur. A Draft Freeway Agreement has been prepared that will be executed between Caltrans and Los Angeles County for consistency with future access and circulation within the region. As new locations are considered for development, Los Angeles County as the approving agency will need to determine future improvements that are required to meet the access locations agreed to with this project.
Responses to Comment Letter G-27
Marty Meeden

Response to Comment G-27
To maintain the continuity of the bike routes within the western project limits, a bicycle path is proposed along the access road between the highway and Quail Lake outside of Caltrans right-of-way. Also, specific improvements include a Class I bike path, which will be established by utilizing the proposed utility corridor and remnant portions of the existing SR-138. Other improvements include pedestrian and bike refuge areas, cross-walks, and median cutthroughs for bikes. All County identified multimodal facilities, including bike, pedestrians, and equestrian trails are enhanced where they cross the existing or proposed highway. Improvements off the corridor are not included with this project.
Response to Comment Letter G-28
Sammie Brackenbury

Response to Comment G-28
Accident data is included within the DEIR. Safety improvements will be implemented as early priority improvements. These will include intersection improvements with turning lanes pockets, alignment corrections for vertical and horizontal non-standard alignments (such as The Curve at the intersection with the Old Ridge Route), and shoulder widening to provide adequate shoulders for distressed or errant vehicles.
Responses to Comment Letter G-29
Claire and Frank

Response to Comment G-29
Your comment in support of Alternative 2 and opposition to Alternative 1 is noted.

Dear Mr. Kosinski,

We're the future residents in the Antelope community at 80th-90th street.

Regarding the Northwest 138 Corridor Improvement Project, we strongly support the plan of Alternative 2, which provides a better traffic flow, better future planning and development for Antelope corridor.

For the interest of residents and community, Alternative 3 is unserved in terms of greenhouse emission, noise and security. With all these disadvantages, the new community will be less attractive and less long term values to the residents and community. We're writing to express our strong opposition to Alternative 1 plan.

We trust our government will use our tax dollars in the best interest of the community and its residents, as well as future economic prospects of the Antelope corridor.

Our vote is Alternative 2 plan and 6-lane conventional freeway with exit in every 10 streets. We look forward to seeing a booming and bright future of Antelope Valley!

Thank you and appreciated!

Sincerely,

Claire, Frank and many other fellow residents

Sent from my iPhone
We are very concerned about the dust/noise/pollution from this project and are requesting at least a wall/barrier be put North side of our house. Also requesting insulated windows for the extra burden of sound. Also improving our current ventilation system (swamp cooler) to protect from move dust. Since you are taking our easement and our driveway access to Avenue D, we are requesting complete modifications to our current property, since the back will now be the front and the front the back staring at a wall. Seeking full compensation for expected stress, interruption of daily function, moving of power poles, utilities, and mail box, loss of property, devaluation of property. If this is not feasible, we request to be bought out, as this will cause such distress and house value to plummet.

Brenda & Barry Wood

Responses to Comment Letter G-30
Brenda and Barry Wood

Response to Comment G-30
The Caltrans Relocation Assistance Program can provide advisory services to assist individuals and businesses being displaced by the project. All project activities will be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. In addition, interviews with potential displacees will be conducted during the plan, specification and estimate (PS&E) phase and ROW acquisition phase of the project. These interviews will provide a greater understanding of household demographics and financial challenges facing each respective owner and occupant.
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Edgar Gutierrez
From: NW138 <NW138@metro.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 10:24 AM
To: Jill, Nettie CBOTJ (nettie.nj@dot.ca.gov)
Cc: Edgar Gutierrez; Panrico; Studio
Subject: FW: NW138
Categories: SR-138

Response to Comment G-31

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Jason Zink

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A proposal from Democratic lawmakers to put $5.9 billion annually into repairing and maintaining California’s streets and highways includes a gas tax increase of 17 cents and a $13 increase in the annual vehicle registration fee.

Made public by Republican officials, the plan by Assemblyman Jim Frazier, D-Oakley, and San Jose, Jim Baal, D-San Jose, calls for allocating $2.9 billion more annually for maintenance and rehabilitation of state highways, and $2.5 billion for streets and roads. Another $300 million is designated for improving freight and goods movement and $516 million is earmarked for transit capital projects, plus another $80 million for bicycle lanes and pedestrian pathways.

The plan proposes to raise $2.5 billion by upping the gasoline excise tax, $1.3 billion by raising the vehicle registration fee, $1.1 billion by eliminating an annual adjustment called the “true up” to the gasoline excise tax, $1 billion by increasing truck weight fees and $900 million by raising the diesel fuel tax by 10 cents a gallon.

Frazier and Baal’s plan also calls for $215 million extra from a diesel sales tax, $300 million from unlicensed “cap-and-trade” fees on “greenhouse gas” emissions and $15 million from a zero emission vehicle registration fee of $15 per year.

The proposal includes changes to state government, including the creation of an office of transportation inspector general to oversee spending on transportation, proposes a constitutional amendment that would bar new funding from being diverted from transportation and permanently extending California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA, exemptions for improvements in existing roadways.

Calls to the office of Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, D-Paramount, were referred to Frazier’s office. A spokesperson for Rendon declined comment, referring a reporter to Baal’s office. A spokesperson for Baal did not return emails or calls seeking comment.

But Republican lawmakers criticized the proposal, saying it is inferior to an Assembly GOP transportation plan introduced a year ago that has received no Capitol hearing, vote or public discussion.

Assemblyman Tom Lackey, R-Palmdale, said the new taxes would be detrimental to Antelope Valley drivers, noting that the total gasoline excise tax would be 79 cents per gallon including state and federal fees should the Democratic proposal become law.

“That is a considerable cost to their family budget,” Lackey said of commuters.

The Assembly Republicans’ plan calls for $6.6 billion in funding through existing taxes, fees and other revenue. They want to divert to streets and highways 40% of the cap-and-trade funds, which now are going to the California High-Speed Rail Authority and other programs intended to reduce “greenhouse” gases.

“If they’re going to tax us, let’s use it for transportation,” Lackey said of the cap and trade funds.

The Republican plan says cutting redundancies within Caltrans will save $500 million annually and eliminating 23% of vacant state positions would make another $485 million annually available for transportation spending.

Also included in the proposal is a measure to invest half of the governor’s “strategic growth” fund into above-ready projects, which Republicans say would set aside $400 million annually.

Republicans also propose more public-private partnerships, also known as P3s, for transportation. Locally, the High Desert Corridor between Palmdale and Victorville has been talked about as a P3.

There is some overlap in the two plans. Both proposals want to restore $1 billion or more in vehicle weight fees to transportation projects.

“Weight fees are something we can support,” Lackey said.
Also, both plans use cap-and-trade funding for transportation, but different amounts. Democrats propose $300 million and Republicans suggest $1 billion. Both proposals suggest insulating highway projects from CEQA requirements and moving the California Transportation Commission from out of the executive branch and making it an independent entity.

Nick Rimsky, deputy press secretary for the Assembly Republican Caucus, noted a report released this month by a Washington-based national transportation organization that said drivers in the Los Angeles area spend 80 hours a year on average in delays, costing them $1,711 in lost time and wasted fuel. “This is a serious issue for all California residents,” he said. “Eighty hours of gridlock a year is just ridiculous.”

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Responses to Comment Letter G-32
Edward Houte

Response to Comment G-32
Your opposition to Alternative 1 - Antelope Acres Loop option is noted.
Response to Comment Letter G-33
Gail Kell

Response to Comment G-33
Your opposition to the Project and roundabouts is noted.

Thank you for your interest in the Northwest 138 Corridor Improvement Project. We welcome your comments.

I have been looking at your plans and their projections. I am very disappointed. Even though the projections isn't until 2038, the options that are being given may not suit the problem. You are projecting heavy traffic. Having a Round about on 138 will slow down traffic but doesn't seem feasible.

People that live north of 138 drive their children South to school. Another option is to cut through the small rural town of Ambleside Acre. Families live on 2% acre SPACED OUT. Noise, air quality, safety & homeowners are now a problem. Not to mention animals, horse riding, cause, hot animals. If Ambleside Acres have been had families move here just for the simple life. I have raised my family here for 30 yrs. I feel so bad that this is happening. There has to be a better idea.

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Responses to Comment Letter G-34
Debi Seitz

Response to Comment G-34
The existing highway and transportation corridor is established and provides access to many current users. To move the corridor to another location results in other impacts that have been studied and included in the Draft ED. Opening up a new transportation corridor in this rural and environmentally sensitive area is not consistent with current LA County planning documents and is considered undesirable and will have many similar issues with property owners along those proposed alignments.
Responses to Comment Letter G-35
Elinore Patterson

Response to Comment G-35
Your comment in support of Alternative 2, maintaining SR-138’s currently alignment and opposition to Alternative 1 – Antelope Acres Loop option is noted.
Responses to Comment Letter G-36
Michael J. Grimes

Response to Comment G-36
Your comment in support of Alternative 2 and opposition to Alternative 1 – Antelope Acres Loop option is noted.

Date: 06.25.2016
Name: Michael J. Grimes
Affiliation (i.e. organization, resident, business): Property Owner - Retiree
Address: 4832 S. St. West, Lancaster, CA 93536
Phone/Cell: 661-946-1400
Email: Michael@AntelopeRanch.com

Thank you for your interest in the Northwest 138 Corridor Improvement Project. We welcome your comments.

In order to properly close the viable route one has To require that the Home be Transfer or built on Ave. D wanted to live on the Highway. Thise people that chose to buy or build off of the highway (in the country) will go to enjoy the peace's quiet away from the Highway. The only viable course of action is to keep the highway as it's present alignment and NOT to consider the Antelope Acres variant option. Alternative 2 is the preferred option without the Antelope Acres variant.
Judith Fuentes

Response to Comment G-37
Your comment in support of the No Build Alternative and opposition to Alternative 1 – Antelope Acres Loop option is noted.

No build is the alternative. That is the only one (see DEIR) that would have no impacts—significant or otherwise, on the rural community of Antelope Acres. A loop around Antelope Acres still separates an established community, disrupting the community in such a way that is as imposing as any other build out of Avenue 2. There is already a highway that crosses from east to west that was built to accommodate traffic – supposedly for the transportation of goods going from the LA Basin (mostly truckers) that is being ignored. This is probably because speed limits and passing laws are very ignored and law enforcement is lax on 138.

No thanks!!
Responses to Comment Letter G-38
Robert A. Lame

Response to Comment G-38

The implementation of improvements will not occur all at once; the implementation of improvements will need to be constructed in phases and thus will not allow full one-way traffic without full buildout of many other improvements. The interim one-way traffic patterns will make connections to existing roadways and facilities a major challenge. Additional considerations will need to be given to the interim aspects of project partial implementation that will make one-way operations very difficult. The routing of the new highway would run through the County and the connection to SR-14 (SR-138) would require significant improvements to the existing interchanges along the SR-14 (SR-138) in the area of Avenue B. Standard interchange spacing is 1 mile in urban areas and 2 miles in rural areas for safety and operational benefits. If this traffic was rerouted on an alignment to meet SR-14 (SR-138) as suggested, the mainline of SR-14 (SR-138) would require significant upgrades to allow the spacing and the volume of traffic anticipated. The County land use plans would need to be revised. The County recently adopted the Antelope Valley Area Plan which governs land use in the Antelope Valley and does not include plans for a new highway through this portion of the County. Another major challenge will be the locations of the new highway corridor and access from the existing highway corridor. The alignment would traverse open space areas which contain sensitive biological habitat.
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