



**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

SPECIAL MEETING

RUSH PARK
3021 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California

Tuesday, July 22, 2013

A. ORGANIZATION

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.**
- 2. ROLL CALL: Directors Coletta, Casey,
President Maynard
Director Kahlert had an excused absence**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS—None**

B. PUBLIC FORUM:

PRESIDENT MAYNARD STATED THAT THE HISTORY OF TOLL ROADS WAS POOR AND THAT THE TOLL ROADS WERE NOT WIDELY ACCEPTED BY THE PUBLIC. HE THEN INVITED THE PUBLIC TO SHARE THEIR COMMENTS FOR THE RECORD

Mitchell Cohen stated that the toll roads were a poor enterprise that would only result in an increase in traffic.

Los Alamitos Mayor Warren Kusumoto stated that the City of Los Alamitos had recently passed a resolution opposing the I-405 Project.

Mark Denny stated that he had a background in construction and since the I-405 project began, the freeway noise had increased exponentially. He further commented that there was no wall to block the HOV lane resulting in noise, dust and light pollution which impacted his children's air quality. He stated that he had written letters to the project manager requesting that some sort of barrier be installed to protect his family and other residents; he was told that the sound wall would not be built due to a shortage of funding. Mr. Denny stated that he intended to take matters into his own hands and plant the tree barrier.

Scott Rivers stated he was opposed to the HOV lanes; every day traffic gets worse in the area; he commutes to Los Angeles and is considering buying more life insurance due to the danger of the ongoing heavy traffic and construction. He had made efforts in the past to communicate with CalTrans regarding his concerns but the agency was unresponsive. He opined that he considered CalTrans to be extremely negligent and untrustworthy.

Richard Butterfield inquired as to who was actually in favor of the project. President Maynard replied that the OCTA had recently sworn in ten new Board Members who voted in favor of the I-405 Project HOT lanes. He opined that the bottleneck traffic that would result from their decision was an example of very poor logic. Director Casey agreed and stated that OCTA predicts that by the year 2040, traffic will have doubled in the area.

Beverly Houghton stated that the Rossmoor Homeowners Association opposed the I-405 Project and was in support of Alternative 1.

Nia Hartman stated that she had lived in both Chicago and Miami—both cities implemented toll roads that were supposed to be temporary. She was opposed to toll roads because, not only was it a poor enterprise, but once implemented, it never goes away. She offered to start a Change.org petition opposing the toll lanes and collect signatures through email and social media.

District staff agreed that the petition was a great idea and offered to coordinate efforts with Ms. Hartman.

David Lara stated that he also was opposed to toll roads. He suggested that the Board not wait until August 12, 2013 deadline. He encouraged all residents to send their opposition to CalTrans right away at the address provided on the public hearing notice. He added that the Rossmoor Predator Management Team would include the issue in their RPMT newsletter.

General Manager Montana agreed stating that the RCSD, RHA and RPMT send out e-blasts the following day to include links to the Change.org petition, links to the public hearing notice and CalTrans/OCTA contact information.

C. REGULAR CALENDAR:

1. RESOLUTION 13-07-22-01 OPPOSING THE SCREENING OF CONCEPT A AND B AS OPTIONS TO THE PREVIOUSLY SELECTED PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE 1 TO THE I-405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Approve Resolution No. 13-07-22-01 by reading the title only and waiving further reading as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPPOSING THE SCREENING OF CONCEPT A AND B AS OPTIONS TO THE PREVIOUSLY SELECTED PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE 1 TO THE I-405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Discussion ensued. President Maynard requested that all residents in attendance state their name for the record and sign their name on the sign-in sheet supporting RCSD Resolution No. 13-07-22-01.

Additional attendees in support of RCSD Resolution No. 13-07-22-01 included: Scott Rivers, Nora Rivers, Mark Denny, Mitchell Cohen, Jim Wagoner, Janet Wagoner, David Spyes, John Boland, Neal Woolston, Janice Kietler, Carole McCormac, Rosalyn Beskind, Beverly Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Woolston.

Motion by Director Coletta, seconded by Director Casey to approve Resolution No. 13-07-22-01 Resolution of the Board of Directors Opposing the screening of Concept A and B as Options to the Previously Selected Preferred Alternative 1 to the I-405 Improvement Project. Motion was approved, 3-0.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Director Coletta, seconded by Director Casey to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.

SUBMITTED BY:

**Chris Montana
General Manager**