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**RE: I-215 (SEGMENT 3) WIDENING PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Meraz:

The City of San Bernardino has reviewed the exhibit prepared by an affected property owner located on the west side of I-215, between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The exhibit presents an alternative alignment that uses the existing "I" Street to connect the southbound off-ramp at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to the southbound on-ramp at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street instead of the approved design, which includes a new parallel collector/connector road between the ramps.

The proposed alternative presented in the exhibit fails to correct the existing congestion problems associated with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street on-and-off ramps. In addition, it fails to correct the existing confusion caused by the isolated exit ramp at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Drivers can be confused about where they should re-enter the freeway to travel southbound. Even with signing, drivers may not recognize "I" Street as an acceptable route to reach the southbound entrance ramp for I-215 at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

In addition, the proposed alternative will create additional congestion and operational problems on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between "I" Street and the southbound I-215 entrance ramp. The two intersections will be too close to one another causing congestion and operational problems, especially considering the left-turn maneuvers that will occur at both intersections.

The City does not support the proposed alternative because it fails to address and improve existing operational, congestion, and driver confusion problems associated with these ramps. The City continues to support the current design, which has been reviewed and approved.

The City looks forward to completion of the I-215 improvements. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at (909) 384-5203.

Sincerely,



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City Engineer

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cc: Mark Weinberg, Interim City Manager  
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