

Rancho San Clemente

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Toll Road Update

The TCA Board would not allow RSCCA Board President Vonne Barnes to present slides at the June 8 or July 13, 2017 board meetings; and the August 10 & September 4, 2017 meetings were subsequently canceled.

Barnes' presentation, a series of slides from past TCA Environmental Impact Report(s), disclosed visual simulations of the proposed toll road interchange at the I-5 & Pico, as well as images of the elevated toll road running down the center of the I-5 to Basilone Road. The slides were also presented at the City Council meeting on August 15, 2017. (The link to view youtubes of city council meetings is: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4oL7wx4Y4s7H1Mof_ZUwV_JpfW9xcR8w).

At the September 5, 2017 City Council meeting, Mayor Kathy Ward said she met with TCA engineers to review changing where Toll Road 14 connects to the I-5. The new connector would be about 1/4/mile south of the Caltrans Fwy project at I-5 & Pico, and closer to San Clemente High School and Broadmoor Homes. It appears that Toll Road 14 will fly over Pico between McDonalds and the vehicular entry to San Clemente High School, and proceed along the flood control channel behind McDonalds, Carrows, and Mobile Gas Station by the High School's baseball fields to connect with the I-5 (see map, p. 3).

The Resolution Revolution opposing Toll Road extensions through San Clemente now has 16 participants: HOA's, Capistrano Unified School District, Congressman Darrell Issa, Senator Pat Bates, and Assembly Member Bill Brough, and environmentalists, all posted on the city website. The City of San Clemente and Reserve have also filed lawsuits against the TCA.

Sincere appreciation to all who send letters to representatives in public office & newspapers, speaking out at TCA and City Council hearings, joining rallies, and posting signs and flyers. Please continue to demand that your voice be heard.

Homeless Shelter Zone Area Update

The California State Housing Community Development Agency (HCD) is still considering approving the city's proposed Emergency Shelter Area (SB2) in the RSC Business Park, adjacent to a "Very Severe High Fire Zone Area" of "Open Space" in Rancho San Clemente.

Act Now— email a letter to the State Housing Development Agency voicing your opinion about an Emergency Shelter Area located in the RSC Business Park!

Email your letter to:

Robin.Huntley@hcd.ca.gov, Paul.McDougall@hcd.ca.gov, Jess.Negrete@hcd.ca.gov, Jennifer.Seeger@hcd.ca.gov

Email Subject line: Emergency Shelter Area in San Clemente

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Homeless Shelter Zone Area Update (cont'd)

Other proposed Emergency Shelter Zone Areas such as the Pico-ECR Shelter Zone Area, away from fire zones, provide a much higher degree of safety for the homeless, and offer more services within 1/4 mile including fast food, grocery and discount stores, banks, and the post office. Unlike the steep and hilly Business Park, land surfaces in the Pico-ECR Shelter Zone Area are pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

The Pico-ECR Shelter Zone Area is also in close proximity to a free shuttle, OCTA bus service, and Metrolink. None of these transportation services require smart phones, credit/debit cards, or registration for discount rates. The city's contract with LYFT to provide transportation for the homeless in the Business Park requires homeless to have smart phones to download an app to use the service. Homeless are also required to register with an agency to become eligible for reduced/subsidized LYFT fares. There is no OCTA bus service, free shuttle, or Metrolink near the proposed Business Park Shelter Zone Area.

Homeless Camp

RSCCA cleaned out a homeless encampment on the south side of Life Time Fitness on Calle Del Cerro. A "No Trespassing" sign, chain and posts were installed at the entry along Calle Del Cerro.

Landscape Maintenance

OCFA has redirected manpower to focus on clearing particular fire zones. High regrowth of watershed has required return maintenance visits to comply with OCFA regulations. RSCCA has extended the number of crew members that were added to work on the defensible fire zone areas through December in order to start the routine maintenance simultaneously with the fire clearance. Thank-you for your understanding for the delays this has caused in the regular maintenance schedule until the fire zones are cleared.

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Frontera

St Andrew's Church

High School Entry

Pico

McDonald's
Garrows Restaurant

I-5

San Clemente High School

Broadmoor Homes

TCA Toll Road
Modified August, 2017

Visual Simulation, Vonne Barnes, 8.1.2017



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