



Rancho San Clemente

Community Association

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Toll Road Update

Opposition to toll road extensions continues to thrive with meaningful community participation as activists speak out at TCA meetings, write letters to officials and media, and/or join groups such as "notmytollroad.com", Save San Clemente's Open Space https://fundrazr.com/Stopthe241atOSO?ref=ab_477Ppf_ab_00hCIAvIc0s00hCIAvIc0s, and Coalition to Save San Clemente <https://www.facebook.com/CoalitiiontoSaveSanClemente/>.

RSCCA's Resolution Revolution has now grown to 25 participants including agencies, businesses, and other cities; and a new lawsuit challenges approval of the Oso Bridge: https://fundrazr.com/Stopthe241atOSO?ref=ab_477Ppf_ab_00hCIAvIc0s00hCIAvIc0s

The TCA canceled the March 8, 2018 board meeting after findings of IBI Group, a respected engineering and tech firm, were made public by the city of San Clemente. Findings were based on facts and data provided by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) projected to the year 2040. IBI found that the SR-241 Toll Road Extension would not improve the OCTA's Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH); and the Toll Road Extension project would worsen traffic and congestion in South Orange County causing increases in travel time, delays, and distances traveled.

IBI cost findings are that the SR 241 Extension Project would cost \$2 billion and serve 10,000 - 15,000 drivers/day commuting from Los Angeles to San Diego with no benefit to drivers in South Orange County. By comparison, construction of OCTA's Measure M2 and MPAH projects will cost much less and serve drivers throughout all of the Orange County regional area—toll free (IBI Study: <http://www.san-clemente.org/home/showdocument?id=44238>).

On March 6, 2018 the City Council approved IBI's package # 3, which includes a "no-toll" Los Patrones (F Street) connection from Oso Parkway to Ortega Highway. City support for construction of this "free" roadway to alleviate traffic will be submitted to OCTA to include in the 20 year Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

"The numbers don't lie," stated City of San Clemente Council member & Foothill/Eastern Corridor Transportation Corridor Agency Board Member Kathy Ward. "Why would anyone spend billions of dollars to fund a new toll road when it would actually make traffic worse for South Orange County when it can actually be improved for less than 10% of the cost of this new toll road?"

"The time has finally come to consolidate transportation agencies in Orange County," said City of San Clemente Mayor Tim Brown. "Starting with the Orange County Board of Supervisors, we need to shift all regional traffic planning, including the ability to finance, design and build toll roads, into one entity. The TCA should remain to service its bond obligations and manage the toll roads it already runs. All other functions should be moved to the OCTA."

Sources for the above information are available on the city website: <http://www.san-clemente.org/about-us/city-news/toll-road-information>; and OC Register and SC Times news articles. The March 6, 2018 City Council meeting is posted on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UznwFLG2Rtc>

Sincere appreciation to all participating members of our community. Please continue to write letters to the TCA board members, elected officials and news media, to make your voices heard.

Homeless Update

The county relocated over 700 hundred homeless from the Santa Ana Riverbed with 30 day hotel and meal vouchers. The city of San Clemente was not notified of the number of homeless released to our city or of hotel locations. Many residents spoke at the March 6, 2018 city council meeting requesting more police officers. Police Chief Mike Peters agreed, and instructed residents to call police at 949 770-6011, rather than relying on Facebook. Chief Peters says that after the 30 day vouchers end and homeless are on the street, police will be able to gather information. Residents are encouraged to write to County and State agencies and representatives who have reduced drug and/or theft offenses from felonies to misdemeanors; and to contact the city to attend/provide input at the upcoming police/security meeting on March 21 in the Community Center. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UznwFLG2Rtc>

Homeowner Architectural Applications

Please remember to submit (mail) 3 (three) approved, signed ARC applications from your HOA to the Master Association to obtain approval before starting your projects. ARC applications must be approved by the Master Association to comply with the Master Association CC&R's. After approval, the Master Association will retain one signed copy and return the other two to your HOA. Your HOA is to retain a copy in their records for you, and to return a copy to you.

(RSCCA's Architectural Review Process is mailed to all members each year with the Annual Budget, et.al (February 23, 2018 this year).

Dues FY 2018-19 Master Association quarterly dues: \$149

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