



*City of
Encinitas*

Office of
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Mayor*

The Honorable Randy "Duke" Cunningham
Congressman, 51st District
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Escondido, CA 92025

*Maggie Foulthas
Deputy Mayor*

Subject: Funding for SR-56 I-5 Connectors

*James H. Bond
Council Member*

Dear Congressman Cunningham:

*Dan Dziager
Council Member*

To meet the needs of the growing population in the north coastal and north inland communities of San Diego County, our region needs to complete several critical freeway improvements during the next decade. One transportation project that will ease congestion on local streets and our freeways is the completion of State Route 56 (SR-56), which will provide a much-needed east-west thoroughfare for businesses and residential communities in the northern part of the City of San Diego.

*Christy Green
Council Member*

Residents of the City of Encinitas rely heavily on Interstate 5 for travel to work and other destinations. It is important for our citizens and for our entire region that all planned improvements to relieve traffic congestion on this freeway be funded and completed in a timely fashion. The failure to fund and construct the freeway connectors for SR-56 would further exacerbate congestion faced by the residents of our community.

*Kerry L. Miller
City Manager*

As part of the construction of SR-56, Caltrans has planned direct connections to link SR-56 with I-15. Two of the four needed connectors between SR-56 and I-5, west-to-south and north-to-east

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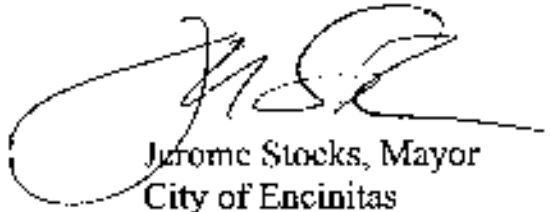
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have already been built. However, funds have not yet been identified to build the west-to-north and south-to-east connectors between SR-56 and I-5. Without these two missing links, traffic will be diverted to local streets adding to congestion in the Carmel Valley community.

As our congressional representative, we ask you to support federal funding for these much needed transportation improvements in the transportation appropriation legislation in 2003.

Thank you for your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Jerome Stocks, Mayor
City of Encinitas

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cc: Encinitas Council Members

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