

Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Board

The Honorable Randy "Duke" Cunningham
U.S. House of Representatives
2350 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515-0550

RE: Funding for I-5/SR 56 North Connectors

Dear Congressman Cunningham:

I am writing on behalf of the Del Mar Mesa Planning Board to ask for your help in obtaining federal funds for the missing north connectors at I-5 and SR 56.

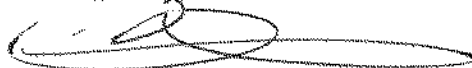
Del Mar Mesa and the other communities in the area are very concerned about traffic congestion on our freeways and local streets. The north connectors at SR 56 and I-5 should have been timed to open with SR 56. They weren't and now we are faced with an unacceptable situation. Until the connectors are constructed, traffic trying to make the connection to and from I-5 will be forced to use local streets making an already difficult situation much worse. Many of those streets are already congested. They were not designed, nor did we ever anticipate being forced to accept freeway traffic on them.

As you know, some development in the SR 56 corridor cannot occur until the connectors are constructed. Nevertheless, the majority of planned development will proceed with or without them.

Our neighbors in Carmel Valley have been working on this issue for many years. Likewise, Mayor Murphy and Councilman Peters have worked hard to get the connectors in place. Due to their leadership, necessary planning and engineering studies have been completed. The next step is to find the funding necessary to construct them. We hope you will be able to help.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Paul Metcalf, Chair