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The Honorable Randy "Duke" Cunningham
U.S. House of Representatives, 50th District
2350 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515-0550

RE: SR-56 Connectors

Dear Congressman Cunningham:

In order to meet the growing requirements of the business community in Carmel Valley, the completion of a number of important transportation projects in the next few years is critical. One of the most significant projects needing your support is the funding for the two missing connectors at the State Route 56 (SR-56)/Interstate 5 (I-5) interchange.

The completion of SR-56 will provide a much-needed link between the I-15 and I-5 freeways, connecting the communities of inland San Diego with those of the coast near Carmel Valley. Through the leadership of SANDAG, the San Diego City Council, the County Board of Supervisors and Caltrans, the middle segment of SR-56 is scheduled to open next year. However, the full benefit of this east-west freeway connection will not be realized until the missing connectors are in place.

There has been tremendous growth in the Carmel Valley area during the past several years, including new homes and employment centers. Continued growth in this important North County region is contingent on the connectors being built. If the connectors are not completed by 2008, approximately 6,500 residential units (including more than 1,000 "affordable" homes) that will house at least 17,000 people near the SR-56/I-5 interchange will be delayed. This will only contribute to the growing congestion on regional freeways and lead to increased infrastructure costs that go well beyond the cost of the connectors.

The funding of the two missing connectors is vital to the long-term growth and prosperity of the Carmel Valley/North San Diego County region, and your assistance in securing funding for this project will benefit San Diegans for years to come.

Sincerely,



Steve Scott
Senior Vice President