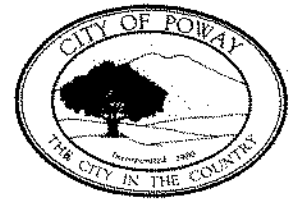


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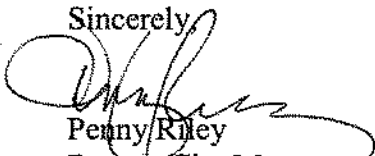
Re: Federal Funding for SR-56/I-5 Connectors Letter to Congressman Cunningham

Dear Mr. Rhinerson:

Attached is the original letter to Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham signed by our Mayor. Hopefully you will have a positive turnout to your request and be able to compile your book with many support letters.

Thank you for taking on this task and being the voice for many of our local and regional communities.

Sincerely



Penny Riley
Deputy City Manager

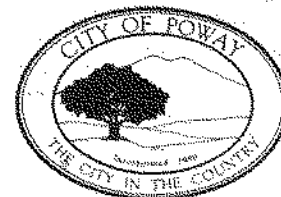
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January 28, 2003

The Honorable Randy "Duke" Cunningham
Congressman, 51st District
613 West Valley Parkway, Suite 320
Escondido, CA 92025

Subject: Federal Funding for SR-56/I-5 Connectors

Dear Congressman Cunningham:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Duke", is written over the name "Duke" in the salutation.

The citizens of Poway face increasing traffic congestion on our region's freeways on a daily basis. Fortunately, there are several traffic improvement projects on the horizon that will help address traffic congestion in our area including the opening of SR-56, a much-needed east-west freeway route. SR-56 will relieve congestion on local streets such as Black Mountain Road, Miramar Road, and Mira Mesa Boulevard, which today provide the only routes for our community to Interstate 5 and Interstate 805.

The final section of SR-56 is scheduled for completion in 2004. Even with the completion of the middle section of SR-56, this important east-west freeway will be incomplete at the I-5/SR-56 interchange because funds have not yet been identified to build the west-to-north and south-to-east connectors. Without these two connectors, traffic congestion will certainly occur on local streets at the west end of SR-56.

The failure to fund these important freeway connectors could also have a serious negative impact on regional housing plans. Without the completion of the SR-56/I-5 connectors, the City of San Diego will be unable to implement its City of Villages strategy in the North City Future Urbanizing Area (NCFUA). New neighborhoods in the NCFUA will provide 14,500 residential units and accommodate a population of 38,000 when completed. Failure to complete the connectors will hold up construction of approximately 6,500 of those residential units that include more than 1,000 affordable units. Those residential units would house 17,000 people who will need to find housing in other communities in the region, defeating the City's Smart Growth strategy.

The San Diego Association of Governments recently issued its draft MOBILITY 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) which includes funding for the two missing connectors, but the earliest completion date would be 2010, and that completion date could come as late as 2020. This decade or more delay in financing these important transportation projects will only serve to exacerbate our regional congestion problems and serve to push growth into communities like Poway and other more distant communities.

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As Congress considers the reauthorization of federal transportation funds this year, we encourage you to support funding for regional highway projects along the I-15 and the I-5 corridors including the SR-56 connectors. The residents of Poway appreciate your efforts to secure federal funding to relieve traffic congestion in the San Diego region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature consisting of several vertical, slightly wavy lines, resembling a stylized 'M' or 'C'.

Mickey Cafagna
Mayor

cc: Members of the City Council of Poway
James L. Bowersox, City Manager