



September 4 2006

Office of the Board of Supervisors
Attn: Katcho Achadjian, Board of Supervisors
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Re: SCAC Five Year Capital Improvement Strategy

Summary: The SCAC approved publication of the following press release at its June 26, 2006 regular meeting.

PRESS RELEASE

The South County Advisory Council's (SCAC) Transportation and Circulation Committee has recently released the results of a 3-year long effort to work with SLO County's Public Works and Engineering Departments at prioritizing and implementing South County and Nipomo area traffic improvement projects.

The Transportation and Circulation Committee has developed a priority ranking for transportation projects to be implemented by the County under it's recently completed South County Circulation Element Update. The Circulation Element is the County's blueprint for identifying needed traffic improvements to local roads.

SCAC has long been involved in commenting on local development projects and the Transportation and Circulation Committee has been tasked by SCAC to digest the many competing demands for limited resources for circulation system improvements, and to present its recommendations for completing specific projects within targeted timeframes.

To do this, the Transportation and Circulation Committee has developed a ranking of all transportation improvements targeted for the South County and Nipomo areas under the Circulation Element, and is recommending a 5 Year Capital Improvement strategy to implement these projects in a deliberate and coordinated manner.

The 5 Year Capital Improvement Strategy includes the following priority roadway and intersection improvements:

Priority	Roadway Improvement	Details	Project Estimated Cost	Projected Year To Complete
1-a	Willow Road	Extend from Pomeroy to Hetrick	see below	see below
1-b	Willow Road	Extend from Hetrick to No Frontage Road	see below	see below
1-c	North Frontage Road	Extend north to new Willow Road extension	see below	see below
1-d	Willow Road and Highway 101	Build new southbound on- and off-ramps	Total Willow, Frontage and Hwy = \$19,725,000	2006 to begin 2010 to complete
2	Tefft Street	Widen northbound on-ramp to 2 lanes	\$5,000,000	2010
3	Hill St / Hwy 101 on-ramp	Replace southbound on-ramp from Tefft Street	\$5,000,000	2010
4	Mary Avenue	Widen and extend Mary to Hill Street	\$2,200,000	2007
5	Realign South Frontage Road	From Grande to Hill Streets	\$3,182,000	2007

The projects summarized herein represent the top priorities to implement over the next 5 years. There are several more projects to pursue, but these improvements are felt to be the highest priorities for relieving traffic congestion in the area of Tefft Street and Highway 101 in Nipomo.

- The first priority, extending Willow Road and North Frontage Road to a to-be-constructed pair of southbound on- and off-ramps at Highway 101 has been a part of the County's plan for many years. Engineering designs are underway, with construction targeted to be completed in phases between now and 2010.
- On the south side of Tefft Street, plans are underway for the realignment of South Frontage Road between Grande and Tefft Streets, including pulling the frontage road away from the highway so that a new on-ramp for southbound Highway 101 can be constructed at Hill Street. This new on-ramp will allow the southbound on-ramp presently at Tefft Street to be closed, making for better all around operations at the Tefft Street overcrossing.
- An integral part of the South Frontage Road and Hill Street on-ramp projects is extending Mary Avenue southerly from Tefft Street to Hill Street. By extending Mary in this way, traffic heading to southbound Hwy 101 can bypass the Tefft overcrossing and gain access to the



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highway directly from Hill Street. This separates southbound traffic from the Tefft overcrossing, and conflicting movements for those crossing the overpass in an easterly or westerly direction.

SCAC's web site, <http://scac.ca.gov/tac/>, can be consulted for more details of this planning effort. Questions and comments can be directed to Dan Woodson, chairman of the Transportation and Circulation Committee, through the SCAC website, or directly at william_woodson@hotmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,
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2006-2007 SCAC Chairman

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