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Re: OC Streetcar Project Mitigation Requests

Dear Ms. Berggren and Ms. Luong:

The Santa Ana City Attorney’s Office received your letter discussing the impacts of streetcar construction on businesses in downtown Santa Ana, and forwarded the same to the Public Works Agency as the department administering the OC Streetcar Project on behalf of the City of Santa Ana. In order to ensure that your comments are addressed accordingly by those directly connected with the OC Streetcar Project, we would request that you send future communications regarding the matter to the Santa Ana Public Works Agency.

We understand and appreciate your desire for additional mitigation of impacts to the businesses along the OC Streetcar route resulting from construction of the Project. However, as a matter of law, the City of Santa Ana is only bound by the Revised Environmental Assessment (REA) / Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) that was considered and certified by the Santa Ana City Council at its public meeting on January 20, 2015. Within the REA/FEIR is a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program that details the required mitigation throughout the construction and implementation of the OC Streetcar Project.

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In order to address your mitigation requests as a matter of policy, you would need to contact the Orange County Transportation Authority, the lead agency for the construction of the OC Streetcar Project, and the Santa Ana Public Works Agency.

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the OC Streetcar Project. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

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