



Memorandum

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Councilmember Rose Herrera

SUBJECT: Highway 101/Tully Interchange

DATE: April 13, 2009

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RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Approve Item 6.5, Route 101/Tully Interchange Improvements to provide \$4 million for the design of the Tully Road portion of the Route 101 Improvement Project.
- 2) Direct staff to continue pursuing funding for the second portion of the project to the Yerba Buena/101 interchange.

BACKGROUND

Relieving traffic congestion is a top priority for improving the quality of life for East San Jose. This is a critical piece in moving forward the \$63 million necessary to complete the Tully Road/Route 101 project.

The Route 101/Tully Road and the Capitol/Yerba Buena interchange areas both serve as major "gateways" District 8. For too long, both have been suffered from severe traffic congestion.

While this project was originally conceived as a single improvement project from the Highway 280/680 interchange to Yerba Buena, it has since been split into 2 phases due to budget constraints. I strongly support staff's efforts to facilitate the design and construction of the first phase, which includes the 101/Tully interchange.

Further, it is important that the City and VTA continue to support the project's second phase, continuing this improvement project to the Yerba Buena interchange. Therefore, I believe it is imperative we continue to call attention to the Yerba Buena phase and further direct staff to continue pursuing funding to complete the interchange.

CONCLUSION

Approval of the design and improvements to the Route 101/Tully Road interchange will move forward one of the top transportation projects for the county and provide much needed traffic relief.