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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02 RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

February 26, 2025

On Motion of Commissioner _____, duly seconded and carried, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Transportation Element identifies goals, objectives, policies, and implementation programs that affect the transportation system and provide guidance for future planning efforts within the unincorporated area; and

WHEREAS, a goal identified in the Transportation Element is to provide a Circulation Plan that is integrated with that of adjacent jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Element including the Circulation Plan are amended to reflect changing development and traffic patterns ; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines (title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15000 et seq.), the County, as Lead Agency, has determined that the proposed General Plan Amendment TGPA 24-02 to the Transportation Element, is exempt from CEQA (Class 15061 (b) (3)); and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2024, this Planning Commission approved authorization to initiate proposed General Plan Amendment TGPA 24-02 to reflect changing development and traffic patterns due to reduced future growth projections in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) designates Santiago Canyon Road as a Primary Arterial (four lanes divided), but currently operates as a rural two-lane undivided collector separated by a double yellow line or with a striped median and designated turn pocket; and

WHEREAS, El Toro Road is currently designated as a six lane Major Arterial in the MPAH, but currently operates as a two-lane undivided collector south of Live Oak Canyon Road and widens to three, four, five and finally to six-lane divided roadway at Portola Parkway; and

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WHEREAS, Black Star Canyon Road is currently designated as a Secondary Arterial in the MPAH, but currently exists primarily as a rural unpaved road with vehicular access mainly restricted to a small number of residents via a locked gate around a mile north of Silverado Canyon Road; and

WHEREAS, Orange County Public Works (OCPW) proposes to make amendments to the County's Transportation Element including the Circulation Plan to reflect changing development and traffic patterns ; and

WHEREAS, OCPW evaluated a Transportation Assessment (TA) (Iteris, March 2024), which was performed to analyze the potential reclassification of Santiago Canyon Road, El Toro Road between State Route 241 and Portola Parkway, and the deletion of Blackstar Canyon Road from the MPAH; and

WHEREAS, the TA concluded that the proposed MPAH amendments to downgrade Santiago Canyon Road to a two-lane Divided Collector will not cause the daily level of service (LOS) in the corridor to fall below acceptable levels in 2045, El Toro Road would operate at acceptable LOS with the roadway changed to Primary Arterial or Asymmetric Primary Arterial, and that the future planned Black Star Canyon Road between Silverado Canyon Road and the Orange County/Riverside County line is no longer needed due to its lack of connectivity to Riverside County and concerns of severe environmental and cultural impacts; and

WHEREAS, the requested amendments to the County's Transportation Element, including the Circulation Plan, are consistent with the recommendations in the TA, and are therefore, recommended for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed and fully considered the proposed General Plan Amendment TGPA 24-02 to the Transportation Element and has heard and considered the public comments that were presented to it at the public hearing held on this project and has determined after review and consideration to recommend adoption of proposed General Plan Amendment TGPA 24-02 to the Transportation Element.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Planning Commission finds that the proposed project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA, Common Sense Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3).

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2. The Planning Commission recommends the following revisions to the County of Orange Transportation Element including the Circulation Plan contained in the proposed General Plan Amendment TGPA 24-02:
 - (a) Reclassify the existing classification of Primary Arterial (divided four-lane) to Divided Collector (divided two-lane with a center turn-lane) for Santiago Canyon Road between the State Route 241 and Live Oak Canyon Road.
 - (b) Reclassify the existing classification of Major Arterial (divided six-lane) to Primary Arterial (divided four-lane) for El Toro Road between Live Oak Canyon Road and Pheasant Creek.
 - (c) Reclassify the existing classification of Major Arterial (divided six-lane) to Asymmetric Primary Arterial (divided five-lane) for El Toro Road between Pheasant Creek and Portola Parkway.
 - (d) Delete Black Star Canyon Road between Silverado Canyon Road and the Orange County/Riverside County line.
 - (e) Include the definition of Divided Collector in the Transportation Element.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed General Plan Amendment TGPA 24-02 – Transportation Element.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Orange County Planning Commission, on February 26, 2025, to wit:

Ayes: Commissioners:
Noes: Commissioner(s):
Excused: Commissioner(s):
Abstained: Commissioner(s):

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 2025-02 was adopted on February 26, 2025, by the Orange County Planning Commission.

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Justin Kirk,
Executive Officer, Orange County Planning Commission

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