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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03 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 24-03 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 24-03 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 Villa Park Road/Santiago Canyon Road between Hewes Street and Cannon Street as a six-lane Major Arterial, but currently operates as a four-lane Primary Arterial; and

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

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WHEREAS, OCPW evaluated a Transportation Assessment (TA) (Fehr and Peers, March 2024 – Attachment 3), which was performed to analyze the impacts of proposed reclassification of the roadway designation on the operation and safety of the roadway; and

WHEREAS, the TA concluded that the proposed MPAH amendment to the roadway designation to a five lane Asymmetric Primary Arterial (three westbound lanes and two eastbound lanes) on Villa Park Road/Santiago Canyon Road between Hewes Street and Cannon Street will be sufficient to serve future traffic demand on the roadway, would be the best use of the available right-of-way to increase capacity, meet operational goals of the County, and limit impacts to adjacent properties; 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 24-03 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 24-03 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).
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 24-03:
 - (a) Reclassify the existing classification of Major Arterial (divided six-lane) to Asymmetric Primary Arterial (divided five-lane) for Villa Park Road and Santiago Canyon Road between Hewes Street and Cannon Street.
 - (b) Include the definition of Asymmetric Lanes in the Transportation Element.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed General Plan Amendment TGPA 24-03 – 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. 2025-03 was adopted on February 26, 2025, by the Orange County Planning Commission.

Justin Kirk,
Executive Officer, Orange County Planning Commission

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