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Scott Eades

CalTrans District 5 Director

50 Higuera Street

Sal Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Re: Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvements Project

Dear Director Eades,

I am writing you to express my concerns with the CalTrans Scenic Route 68 Corridor Improvements Project. In the project description there are nine (9) proposed roundabouts described in alternative one (1). I believe, based on input from the community as well as a letter authored by Chief David J. Sargenti of the Monterey County Regional Fire District alternative two (2) is a better option. Having fixed roundabouts will alleviate commute traffic, however it will increase our response time overall for all hours of the day.

I support alternative two (2) in which there would be improvements to the intersections with adaptive signal control technology, and enhanced lane channelization. This approach would allow our units to maintain the ability to quickly navigate the intersection and realize a faster response time.

Feel free to contact my office if you have any questions,

Tina M. Nieto

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