

## ***City of San Clemente Press Conference on Results of SR-241 Toll Road Extension Traffic Study***

### ***TCA Follow-Up Statement***

- TCA applauds the City of San Clemente's efforts to better understand the difficult complexities associated with improving mobility in South Orange County and the suggestion of ideas that could help relieve traffic congestion. TCA is and has been available to participate in constructive dialog that will ultimately lead to a balanced solution for our growing traffic challenges.
- Improving regional traffic congestion centers around peak hour volumes. Traffic results are presented in the IBI study as Average Daily Volumes (ADTs) and do not illustrate critical daily and weekend peak hour congestion levels regularly experienced in south Orange County. Caltrans, the agency providing independent oversight of the South County Traffic Relief environmental study, has a policy to study, analyze, and design for, the recurring peak conditions of traffic congestion.
- The approved Measure M2 and MPAH 2040 projects which the IBI study identifies as providing significant benefit to the region are already assumed in TCA's baseline traffic model.
- The alignment of the SR-241 Extension examined in the IBI study is not being considered by TCA as a result of the November 2016 Settlement Agreement and therefore conclusions based on that alignment are not relevant to current planning efforts.
- The findings of relatively low volumes on SR-241 are consistent with TCA's initial findings, and in fact support our rationale for advancing the new idea alternative that extends SR-241 to La Pata and focuses capacity improvements on I-5.
- The reference to a \$2,000,000,000 project is not based on any TCA information.