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June 2, 2011

Dear Resident:

As you may know, the Caltrans Interstate 805 (I-805) South Project team hosted a public meeting on May 24, 2011 at Palomar Elementary School to discuss the Nacion Avenue retaining/noise abatement wall. As indicated in the invitation for that meeting, the area adjacent to your property (*parcel #*) located at in Chula Vista has been identified as a location for a retaining/noise abatement wall.

These proposed improvements are part of the larger I-805 South Project and needed to minimize the project's impacts to your neighborhood. Caltrans and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) are planning to implement freeway and transit improvements on I-805 from East Palomar in Chula Vista to Interstate 15 (I-15). The project will improve traffic flow on I-805 to help alleviate congestion and accommodate the projected population and employment growth in the region.

This project will include several improvements to the freeway and transit system including:

- Express Lanes in the center of the freeway between East Palomar Street and I-805/I-15 interchange;
- A Direct Access Ramp (DAR) at East Palomar Street;
- In-Line Transit Stations on Plaza Boulevard and H Street;
- Park & Ride stations near the In-Line Transit Stations; and
- More than 70 sound-mitigating walls, 100 retaining walls and 20 bridge improvements along the 11-mile route.

At the meeting, members of the project team provided an introduction to the I-805 South Project and discussed the improvements and their affect on Nacion Avenue residents' properties. Since you were unable to attend, please find below and attached information about the retaining/noise abatement wall proposed for the east side of your property.

Caltrans will construct a retaining wall along the west side of the freeway between East Naples Street and East Palomar Street. The height of the retaining wall proposed to be constructed adjacent to your property is feet. Additionally, a 10-foot noise-abatement wall has been proposed on top of the retaining wall. The wall is designed to reduce freeway noise by at least five decibels. There is no cost to you to build the retaining/noise abatement wall and you will be compensated in advance for any damage within your property that is related to the construction of the wall.

During project construction, Caltrans will need temporary access to properties adjacent to the freeway to build the retaining/noise wall. Construction of the retaining wall along Nacion Avenue is scheduled to begin in mid-2012 and will last approximately six months.

Please find enclosed a copy of the noise abatement wall survey distributed at the meeting. In order to construct the noise abatement wall, the State requires agreement of at least half of the adjacent residents. **Please fill out and return the survey using the attached envelope by June 15, 2011.**

We will continue to keep you updated as the plans for the Nacion Avenue retaining/noise abatement wall move forward. In the meantime, if you have additional questions about the wall or the I-805 South Project, please call me at (619) 688-2516.

We look forward discussing this project with you further.

Sincerely,
RAMON M. MARTINEZ
I-805 South Project Manager

Enclosure