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Dear City of Westminster Resident:

The *I-405 Major Investment Study* analyzed several possible alternatives aimed to improve traffic flow on the I-405 Freeway. The purpose of the study was to examine and provide solutions to improve the transportation needs of western Orange County. Combinations of adding the following type of improvements were proposed in the study:

- General Purpose Lanes
- Auxiliary Lanes between On/Off-Ramps
- High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Lanes
- Express Lanes

The City of Westminster Mayor and City Council Members adopted a resolution on June 9, 2005, which declared that the City will only support "Alternative 4". Consultants estimated that "Alternative 4" will not take any businesses and would take only 0-5 homes. The other alternatives would have resulted in the taking of several homes and businesses along I-405.

The OCTA Policy Working Group, Regional Planning & Highways Committee and the OCTA Board of Directors have formally recommended that "Alternative 4" be adopted as the Locally Preferred Strategy (LPS) for the I-405 Corridor.

The next step toward implementing "Alternative 4" is the preparation of environmental documents, including an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Impact Statement. These environmental documents require a greater level of engineering detail over the *I-405 Major Investment Study*; they will take two to three years to complete once funding becomes available. The renewal of Measure M has been identified as the funding source for the I-405 Improvements.

The City of Westminster is committed to protecting the quality of life of our residents. The City will be involved during all stages of the proposed I-405 Improvement Project (environmental, design and construction). We will work hard towards achieving our goal of improving transportation mobility in our region, without the taking of private property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margie L. Rice". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MARGIE L. RICE  
Mayor

Cc: City Council Members  
Interim City Manager