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Rita Robinson
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City of Los Angeles
Department of Transportation
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Dear Ms. Robinson:

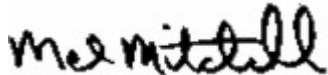
The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) heard a presentation at our July 10, 2010 meeting about completing the bicycle lane on Rinaldi Street from Tampa Avenue to Mason Avenue. After considerable discussion among the PRNC Board and Stakeholders, the Board voted unanimously at our August 10, 2010 meeting to prepare this letter in support of the project.

The completion of the bicycle lane will make it safer for both the cyclists and the auto drivers in Porter Ranch. A completed route also would be a safer alternative to Devonshire Street for bicycle commuters across the Valley and would be very helpful to recreational cyclists in the North Valley as well. We believe:

- Installing the one and a half mile segment between Tampa and Mason would provide a continuous bicycle lane from Laurel Canyon Boulevard on the east to DeSoto Avenue on the west.
- This portion of Rinaldi is now frequently used by bicyclists and these lanes will help to improve safety and the flow of traffic.
- These bicycle lanes will serve Porter Ranch's largest retail complex.
- Rinaldi Street was widened several years ago to the west of Porter Ranch Drive so there has been adequate width for bicycle lanes since then.
- It is particularly important to establish traffic patterns, including the bicycle lanes, well in advance of the future development at the northwest corner of Rinaldi and Porter Ranch Drive.
- The request for bicycle lanes was initiated two and a half years ago so installation should not be delayed any further and should be expedited.

The PRNC was recently informed that design plans have been signed and approved by the DOT and that new signal plans at four intersections are also in design. We have heard that design can take many months depending on DOT's priorities. The PRNC is hoping that Porter Ranch support will help make this project a priority.

Sincerely,



Mel Mitchell
President

CC: Councilman Grieg Smith
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