

January 8, 2007

Roger Snoble, Chief Executive Officer
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Subject: **Tampa Avenue widening at SR 118**

Dear Mr. Snoble,

This letter is being written in support of the Tampa Avenue Widening at the Ronald Reagan Freeway (SR-118) Project located in the Northern San Fernando Valley. Tampa Avenue and the SR-118 freeway ramps are heavily traveled routes that provide direct connections to the Chatsworth, Northridge and Porter Ranch communities. These communities have had a tremendous amount growth in the last few years, in particular, the Porter Ranch community. It has become apparent that the current traffic system on Tampa Avenue cannot effectively accommodate the current and future growth of the area.

The proposed improvements will increase capacity and improve flow on both Tampa Avenue and the SR-118 Freeway by increasing the capacity of the off-ramp and by providing additional turning movements to the on-ramps; increase vehicular safety by providing more storage areas and increased visibility; and provide better intermodal connections and linkages, not only to the Porter Ranch community, but also to local and regional cultural, educational, recreational, and transit resources such as Limekiln Canyon Park, Northridge Fashion Center, California State University at Northridge, the Metrolink Station, churches, libraries, shopping centers, and community centers.

Therefore, we, the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council and attending stakeholders, would like to express overwhelming support for the "Tampa Avenue Widening at the Ronald Reagan (SR-118) Freeway Project" and strongly urge your support and respectfully request that you give serious consideration to this project during the 2007 "Call for Projects" process.

Sincerely,

Becky Leveque, President
Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council