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The Honorable Charles Margines
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 W. Civic Center Drive
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Subject: Response to Light Rail Grand Jury Report

To Judge Margines:

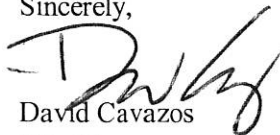
Thank you for the opportunity for the City of Santa Ana to respond to the findings and recommendations from the Orange County Grand Jury report "Light Rail: Is Orange County on the Right Track?" published on May 9, 2016.

As identified in the report, Santa Ana has worked with our partners at the City of Garden Grove and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) since 2006 to deliver a last mile rail project to serve our transit dependent population as well as connecting Metrolink to job centers in the Civic Center, Downtown and points beyond. We agree that public engagement is a critical component for all transportation projects, but particularly for a project that will be as transformative as this one.

Throughout the preliminary engineering and environmental process, Santa Ana has worked with our partners at the City of Garden Grove and OCTA to inform the community of the benefits and impacts of the project. Now that OCTA has assumed lead agency, Santa Ana will continue to work with our partners to inform the public. To further this goal and to respond to the report, we are in the process of implementing the report's recommendation as detailed in the attached response.

If you would like any additional information regarding our responses, please feel free to me at (714) 647-5200.

Sincerely,


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FINDINGS

Finding F.5 – The long project times associated with light rail system establishment require not only careful planning and coordination by OCTA, but also consistent efforts to inform the public by those Orange County cities involved in development or possible development of light rail projects.

The City of Santa Ana agrees with this finding. Public engagement is a critical component of any major project. The City of Santa Ana, in consultation with Garden Grove and OCTA, took great strides to ensure the public was informed and involved throughout the development of the preliminary engineering and environmental document phases of the project. After adoption of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), Revised Environmental Assessment (REA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in 2015, the role of project lead agency became the responsibility of OCTA. Santa Ana continues to work with its partners Garden Grove and OCTA to move the project forward while assisting in providing information to the public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation R.6 – Santa Ana and Garden Grove should create links on their Websites within six months of receipt of this report that show their efforts to complete the OC Streetcar Project and then update these Websites every three months. (F.5.)

This recommendation has not been implemented. Santa Ana has maintained a website for all the projects related to the City’s Transit Vision at www.santaanatransitvision.com for several years including the streetcar project. An additional page on the City’s website will be created to provide background and a link to the [OC Streetcar](http://OCStreetcar.com) website where the most relevant and current project information is located. A button will be added to Santa Ana’s home page to make accessing this information simple. These website updates will be operational by July 1, 2016.