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**RE: NOTICING OF OFF RAMP CLOSURES:**

Dear Councilmembers:

At the regularly scheduled meeting held January 14, 2014, The Mar Vista Community Council approved the following policy motion by a unanimous vote:

*WHEREAS Mar Vista residents have been deeply impacted by the 405 widening project, which is more than one year behind schedule and more than \$75 million over budget.*

*WHEREAS the 405 widening project has resulted in freeway off ramp closures commonly used by Mar Vista residents, including the 405 S Pico/Olympic off ramp, that appear to occur at random times and with no advance warning of the closure. This deprives us of an opportunity to plan ahead, causing us to take exits far from our destination, resulting in additional transit time (in addition to the delays caused by the widening project itself) and further increasing air pollution. This also demonstrates a total lack of respect and understanding for the inconveniences and delays that we have been subjected to throughout the duration of the years-long widening project.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, to alleviate commuter transit time and as a show of respect and understanding for those commuters who have been so severely impacted by the widening project, MVCC respectfully requests that councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz request that Cal Trans/Metro post notice of an off ramp closure at least one off ramp before the closure (i.e., before the Santa Monica off ramp for a Pico/Olympic closure), to allow commuters sufficient opportunity to take the prior off ramp.*

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the matter,

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