



SUNOL CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

SENT VIA EMAIL

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California Department of Transportation, District 4
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Subject: California Department of Transportation response to Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council Public Records Disclosure Act request for information on projects in Sunol

References:

Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council letter to California Department of Transportation, dated March 8, 2021
California Department of Transportation letter to Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council, dated April 14, 2021

Dear Dina El-Tawansy,

We have noticed that California Department of Transportation has marked our request under the Public Records Disclosure Act as closed. We assume this means that no more documents will be provided in response to our request of March 8, 2021. We also received your letter of April 14, 2021, explaining your response to our concerns. Thank you for responding. The California Department of Transportation responses appear to be minimal.

On April 9, 2021 California Department of Transportation delivered 12 files to the drop box. The files included the following:

- 7 files previously provided to the Sunol Citizen's Advisory Council
 - 3 files that were slide presentations on the projects in Sunol, previously presented to the Sunol Citizen's Advisory Council
 - 2 files (1-page signal plan for an intersection, 1-page plan for single lane roundabouts overlaid on to an aerial photograph), previously presented to the Sunol Citizen's Advisory Council
 - 1 file of 33 pages, each diagramming a short section of Highway 84, from Mission Boulevard to Highway 680, marking the trees to be removed. Portions had been previously provided.

- 1 file (2-pages) showing a layout of the temporary construction easements on Paloma Way, previously provided.

5 files were new to the Sunol Citizen’s Advisory Council

- 1 file (2 pages) is a right-of-way appraisal map at the SFPUC Water Temple gate and along Paloma Way
- 1 file (1-page) traffic signal and lighting system diagram at Main Street
- 1 file (13-pages) is a 2011 memo on a traffic signal study (this file was provided twice)
- 1 file (4-pages) is a 2013 memo on a single lane roundabout traffic analysis
- 1 file (9-pages) is a 2021 memo comparing level of service (LOS) between a standard signal intersection and 1 or 2 lane roundabouts

The Sunol Citizen’s Advisory Council considers the response from the California Department of Transportation to be not fully responsive. It is questionable whether it even meets the requirements or the spirit of the California Public Records Disclosure Act. In addition, if the California Department of Transportation has, in fact, provided all the “studies, reports, diagrams, correspondence, presentation and other documents relative to determining the feasibility of a round-about at the intersection of Paloma Way and Pleasanton-Sunol Road,” as requested, then it is apparent that the California Department of Transportation has not, in good faith, studied the feasibility of constructing a round-about.

The 2021 memo is a calculation of the Level of Service (LOS) comparing a signalized intersection, that has left and right turn lanes and channelization, to a single lane roundabout without any traffic channels or controls. As the California Department of Transportation’s calculations show (below) the difference between the LOS is insignificant, further supporting Sunol’s request for a round-about.

Alternative	LOS 2025 most impacted direction	LOS 2045 most impacted direction
Signalized intersection with turn lanes and channelization	E	F
1 lane primitive roundabout with no traffic aides	F	F

When we met on April 8, 2021, you indicated that the California Department of Transportation was open to considering a roundabout in Sunol and that the department was also interested in intermodal access. November 2013, the California Department of Transportation issued the document, “Main Street, California: A Guide for Improving Community and Transportation Vitality.” We have yet to see this implemented in Sunol.

Again, the Sunol Citizen’s Advisory Council requests that the California Department of Transportation design and construct a single-lane roundabout or traffic circle with traffic metered by signal lights that are linked to the intersection at Main Street. We request this construction be done in conjunction with the Arroyo de la Laguna bridge replacement project.

The Sunol Citizen's Advisory Council has fully and faithfully participated in providing input to the environmental processes for these California Department of Transportation projects and has asked to further participate in the planning processes. The town has been and will continue to be significantly affected by these projects and feels that we have been rebuffed on all levels.

Please feel free to contact me should you decide to understand and address our town's concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Connie De Grange". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Connie De Grange, Chair
Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council

Cc:

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