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Ramona Garrett  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
Solano Superior Court  
600 Union Avenue  
Fairfield, CA 94533

**RE: 2007-2008 Grand Jury Report Entitled  
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation – Delta Fire Camp**

Dear Judge Garrett,

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA)<sup>1</sup> has received and reviewed the Solano Grand Jury Report titled “California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation – Delta Fire Camp.”

Under Background/Inspection, the Report observes “...the Grand Jury noted that there are no turn lanes from Highway 12 onto Lambie Road.” Under Findings and Recommendations, the Report states

“**Finding 3** – There are no turn lanes from Highway 12 onto Lambie Road. This s a major safety issue for Highway 12 traffic and Delta Conservation Camp staff, inmates and visitors.”

“**Recommendation 3** – The Solano County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation should make safety at this location a high priority when planning the future of Highway 12.”

It is important to understand that the Solano County Department of Public Works designs, builds and maintains roadways in the unincorporated county, including Lambie Road. As for Highway 12, California law provides that Caltrans has sole jurisdiction for the design, construction, and maintenance of State Route 12.

STA identified potential hazards and mitigations related to the SR 12/Lambie Road intersection in the “Highway 12 Major Investment Study” adopted by the STA Board in October 2001. On Page 31 of that Report (under Alternative Package 3 – Safety Improvements) STA has identified as a safety improvement to be implemented by Caltrans and/or Solano County “Left turn lanes at Lambie Road/Shiloh Road intersection.” The

<sup>1</sup> Please note that the agency’s title is the Solano Transportation Authority, not the Solano County Transportation Authority. This is stated properly in the cover letter, but not in the body of the report.

proposed improvements are spelled out in additional detail on Page 32 as improvement 3b, and include realignment of the intersection to produce 90 degree turns (as opposed to angled intersection as it exists today) and the need for Caltrans-standard 300-foot long acceleration and deceleration lanes and associated tapers. Figure 18 of the report shows the recommended improvements. (If you wish I can provide you copies of these references.)

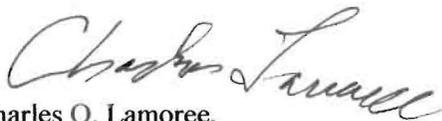
In conducting follow-up work on SR 12, STA conducted traffic counts in June of 2007 to determine the direction and volume of traffic at the SR 12/Lambie Road intersection. This information will be considered as part of a pending Project Study Report (PSR) on SR 12 to consider a median barrier in partnership with Caltrans. In addition, these counts will be considered as part of a pending update of the SR 12 Major Investment and Corridor Study from I-80 in Solano County to I-5 in San Joaquin County. That Study is being developed by STA in partnership with Caltrans, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the San Joaquin Council of Governments. The updated Major Investment and Corridor Study will consider the potential for future capacity expansion of SR 12 from 2 lanes to 4 lanes.

STA will use the updated Major Investment and Corridor Study on SR 12 between Suisun City and Rio Vista when planning improvements to SR 12. Because of the volume of traffic using Lambie Road, including Delta Fire Camp traffic, it is expected that the SR 12/Lambie Road intersection will be high on the priority list for improvements. To this end, Caltrans has scheduled intersection improvements for construction scheduled to begin during 2008. Caltrans can provide the Grand Jury with the specific improvements they are proposing.

We will continue to urge Caltrans and Solano County Public Works to expedite other safety improvements on SR 12 and adjacent local roads.

Thus, STA is already making safety at this location a high priority when planning the future of SR 12.

Sincerely,



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