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Via Hand Delivered

David E. Power
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Solano Superior Court
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

**RE: 2006-2007 Grand Jury Report Entitled
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation – Delta Fire Camp**

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

Under Background/Summary, the report observes

“The main cross-street to the Camp is Highway 12. There is no left turn lane from or onto Highway 12 from Lambie Road. This is a major safety concern for CDF fire trucks and Highway 12 traffic.”

Under Findings and Recommendations, the report states

“**Finding 1** – Turning onto and off Highway 12 from Lambie Road can be dangerous.”
“**Recommendation 1** – 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.”

Please note that the Solano County Department of Public Works designs, builds and maintains roadways in the unincorporated county, including Lambie Road. Caltrans has jurisdiction for the design, construction, and maintenance of SR 12.

The Solano Transportation Authority (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, Alternative Package 3 – Safety Improvements identifies as a safety improvement to be implemented by another agency “Left turn lanes at Lambie Road/Shiloh Road intersection.” The 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. (Copies attached.)

¹ 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.

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 has been provided to Caltrans for use both in the current installation of a temporary median barrier, and for the design of subsequent permanent improvements. STA is coordinating with Caltrans and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for preparation of a Project Study Report and subsequent the installation of a permanent median barrier (with appropriate shoulders and protected turn lanes) along SR 12 from Suisun City to Rio Vista, and for the potential future expansion of SR 12 from 2 lanes to 4 lanes.

STA will continue to evaluate the safety of all intersections on SR 12 between Suisun City and Rio Vista when planning and prioritizing 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. In addition, we will continue to urge Caltrans and Solano County Public Works to expedite safety improvements on SR 12.

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

Sincerely,

Charles O. Lamoree,
STA Legal Counsel

Cc: STA Board Members
Daryl K. Halls, STA Executive Director

SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY RESPONSE

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