



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

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November 29, 2022

Mitch Weiss
Executive Director, California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street MS 52
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Installation of suicide deterrent fences along the Arroyo Simi Overhead Bridges –
December 2022 Meeting Agenda, Tab #82**

Dear Mr. Weiss:

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The safety and well-being of our community members are always of utmost importance, as is the safety of motorists traveling along highways. Unfortunately, numerous suicides and suicide attempts have occurred at the Arroyo Simi Overhead Bridges, at times resulting in the tragic loss of life, including Simi Valley residents. The addition of suicide deterrent fences is a critical component of a planned multi-pronged approach intended to help protect people during times of crisis. For this reason, the City of Simi Valley strongly supports this project.

If you need additional information, please contact Darrin Peschka, VCTC program manager of government and community relations, at dpeschka@goventura.org or 805-642-1591, ext. 108.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Paul Gabler".

Brian Paul Gabler
City Manager



December 1, 2022

Mitch Weiss
Executive Director, California Transportation Commission
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin Erickson".

Martin Erickson
Executive Director



CITY OF MOORPARK

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November 29, 2022

TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

Mitch Weiss
Executive Director, California Transportation Commission
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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT: Installation of Suicide Deterrent Fences along the Arroyo Simi Overhead Bridges – December 2022 Meeting Agenda, Tab #82

Dear Mr. Weiss:

The City of Moorpark requests that the California Transportation Commission approve the installation of suicide deterrent fences along the Arroyo Simi Overhead Bridges in Moorpark. The project is included in the list of proposed new 2022 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Amendments to be considered at the Commission's regular meeting on December 7-8 in Riverside.

In 2021, a Suicide Prevention Task Force was formed to seek physical and community-based solutions to deter suicides and suicide attempts at the Arroyo Simi Overhead Bridges, which connect Highways 118 and 23 here in Moorpark. The Task Force includes representatives and elected members of the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), Caltrans, the City of Moorpark, California Highway Patrol, Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura County Suicide Prevention Council, and the Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Center. The months of discussions have resulted in a plan to construct a safety barrier system along the Arroyo Simi Overhead Bridges, as well as community-based measures intended to prevent suicides and suicide attempts.

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If you need additional information, please contact PJ Gagajena, Assistant City Manager, at pjgagajena@moorparkca.gov or (805) 517-6213.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janice S. Parvin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janice S. Parvin
Mayor

cc: City Council
City Manager
Senator Henry Stern
Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin
Ventura County Transportation Commission, D. Peschka



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November 29, 2022

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Executive Director, California Transportation Commission
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Sincerely,

Linda Parks
Supervisor, Second District



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ROBERT O. HUBER
Fourth District

November 11, 2022

Mitch Weiss
Executive Director, California Transportation Commission
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Sincerely,

Robert O. Huber
Supervisor, Fourth District