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**ADOPTED**  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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#25 DECEMBER 20, 2016 Agenda No. 8  
07/26/16

*Lori Glasgow*  
LORI GLASGOW  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Re: **PROJECT NO. R2014-03232-(5); PLAN AMENDMENT  
NO. 2014-00005-(5)  
FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT/THREE-VOTE MATTER**

Dear Supervisors:

Your Board previously conducted a duly-noticed public hearing regarding the above-referenced project, an amendment to the County General Plan and Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan to amend the Los Angeles County Master Plan of Highways ("Plan Amendment"). The amendment would reclassify Sloan Canyon Road, between Quail Valley Road and Mandolin Canyon Road, in Castaic Canyon Zoned District, from a Limited Secondary Highway to a Local Collector Road.

At the conclusion of the hearing, you approved a motion indicating your intent to approve the Plan Amendment, adopted the Negative Declaration prepared for the project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and instructed our office to prepare the resolution necessary to approve the Plan Amendment. Enclosed for your consideration is a resolution approving the Plan Amendment.

Very truly yours,

MARY C. WICKHAM  
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APPROVED AND RELEASED:

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c: Sachi A. Hamai, Chief Executive Officer  
Lori Glasgow, Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
RELATING TO GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2014-00005-(5)**

**WHEREAS**, Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the California Government Code (commencing with section 65350) provides for adoption and amendments of a jurisdiction's general plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Los Angeles County ("County") Board of Supervisors ("Board") conducted a duly-noticed public hearing regarding General Plan Amendment No. 2014-00005-(5) ("Plan Amendment") on July 26, 2016 as part of Project No. R2014-03232-(5) (collectively the "Project") for which a Negative Declaration was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"); and

**WHEREAS**, the County Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") conducted a duly-noticed public hearing on May 4, 2016, to consider the Plan Amendment along with the Negative Declaration, and at the conclusion of its hearing, recommended that the Board consider and approve said Plan Amendment and Negative Declaration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board duly considered the recommendation of the Commission, public testimony, and the recommendations and testimony of staff from the County Department of Regional Planning ("Regional Planning"), the Negative Declaration, and all documents in the record regarding the Project, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds as follows:

1. The Project consists of an amendment to the County General Plan ("General Plan") and Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan ("Area Plan") to amend the Master Plan of Highways ("Highway Plan"), consisting of the reclassification of a 1.1-mile segment of Sloan Canyon Road between Quail Valley Road and Mandolin Canyon Road from a Limited Secondary Highway to a Local Collector Road in the unincorporated community of Castaic.
2. As a component of the General Plan and Area Plan, the Highway Plan provides policy guidance for building a comprehensive highway network throughout the unincorporated areas.
3. The Project is related to the development of Sloan Canyon Road to provide an east to west access route to and from Castaic High School ("High School") currently under construction. A certified environmental impact report ("EIR") for the High School project that included assessment of traffic impacts was adopted by the Governing Board of the William S. Hart Union School District ("School Board") on October 17, 2012. The School Board certified an addendum to the EIR on July 17, 2013 and a supplemental EIR on July 16, 2014.
4. Adoption of the proposed Plan Amendment is consistent with the goals, policies, and programs of the General Plan and the Area Plan. More specifically, the Plan Amendment is consistent with the following General Plan Policies: (1) M-4.5,

"Encourage continuous, direct routes through a connected system of streets, with small blocks and minimal dead ends (cul-de-sacs), as feasible;" and (2) M-7.5, "In rural areas, require rural highway and street standards that minimize the width of paving and the placement of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, street lighting, and traffic signals, except where necessary for public safety." In addition, the Plan Amendment is consistent with the following Area Plan policies: (1) C-2.1.2, "Enhance connectivity of the roadway network to the extent feasible given the constraints of topography, existing development patterns, and environmental resources, by constructing grade separation and bridges; connecting discontinuous streets; extending secondary access into areas where needed; prohibiting gates on public streets; and other improvements as deemed appropriate based on traffic analysis;" (2) C-2.2.1, "Designate roadways within the planning area based on their functional classifications . . .;" and (3) C-2.2.3, "Coordinate circulation plans of new development projects with each other and the surrounding street network within both City and County areas."

5. The Area Plan also directs amendment of the Highway Plan to reflect the Area Plan goals and policies and directs monitoring of traffic conditions within the Area Plan and to thereafter amend said plan if needed to address changing needs and conditions. The Area Plan also recommends the removal of the Limited Secondary Highway designation for Sloan Canyon Road between Hillcrest Parkway and Mandolin Canyon Road, which is connected to the stretch of Sloan Canyon Road at issue herein to its south. The Plan Amendment complies with those directives.
6. The physical development of Sloan Canyon Road will be subject to the standards maintained by the County Department of Public Works and subject to the mitigation measures as identified in the certified EIR, EIR addendum, and supplemental EIR.
7. The Interdepartmental Engineering Committee, a County advisory body consisting of the County Engineer and Director of Regional Planning and which is charged with maintaining the Highway Plan, met on January 7, 2015 to review and to allow members of the public to comment on the proposed Plan Amendment.
8. An Initial Study was prepared for the proposed Plan Amendment pursuant to CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines of the County of Los Angeles. The Initial Study demonstrated that there was no substantial evidence that the Plan Amendment will have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, the Negative Declaration was prepared for the proposed Plan Amendment in compliance with CEQA, referenced as State Clearinghouse No. 2016011058, and circulated for public comment for a 30-day review period from January 22, 2016 to February 22, 2016.
9. The Project will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property of others located in the vicinity of the portion of Sloan Canyon being

redesignated, nor place an undue burden on the ability to provide necessary facilities and services in the community.

10. The Plan Amendment is in the public interest including in the interest of public health, safety, and general welfare, and conforms to good planning practices.
11. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the County Code, the community was appropriately notified of the public hearings by mail, newspaper and property posting.
12. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of proceedings upon which the Commission's decision is based in this matter is at the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The custodian of such documents and materials shall be the Section Head of the Zoning Permits North Section, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Certifies that the Negative Declaration for the Project was completed in compliance with CEQA and the State and County CEQA Guidelines related thereto; certifies that it independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration, and that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Board as to the environmental consequences of the Project; certifies that it approved and adopted the Negative Declaration at the conclusion of its hearing on the Project; and
2. Approves General Plan Amendment No. 2014-00005-(5), amending both the County General Plan and the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan to amend the Master Plan of Highways of the General Plan to designate Sloan Canyon Road between Quail Valley Road and Mandolin Canyon Road as a Local Collector Road instead of a Limited Secondary Highway.

The foregoing resolution was on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



LORI GLASGOW, Executive Officer of  
the Board of Supervisors of the County  
of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM

County Counsel

By \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy