I-55 Julie Brooks

I-55-1 The comment states that they are new residents of Hidden Meadows living on 17 acres to spend out retirement. The County notes the comment provides factual background information and does not raise an environmental issue within the meaning of CEQA. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project. No further response is required because the comment does not raise an environmental issue.

I-55-2 The comment states that the project will cause constant traffic jams without major changes to the I-15. The comment also states that the I-15 is dysfunctional when going southbound past the Mountain Meadow exit in the morning and northbound from the 79 to the 215 interchange in the evenings. The addition of project generated trips to the surrounding roadway network has been adequately analyzed in Section 2.13 Transportation and Traffic of the Draft EIR. Please see Topical Responses TR-1 and TR-2. The comment does not raise an environmental issue within the meaning of CEQA. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.

I-55-3 The comment states that the changes to the exit/entrance ramps and Deer Springs Road are not enough to improve the congestion that already occurs, let alone the added difficulties of construction vehicles and real estate folks. Construction of the interchange improvements will mitigate the project’s identified significant impacts at that location. Significant construction impacts would be limited to the period of time during the widening of Deer Springs Road and the construction of a new interchange at the I-15/Deer Springs Road interchange. Throughout this period of construction activity, two lanes of travel will be maintained on Deer Springs Road. Please also see Topical Responses TR-1 and TR-2. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.

I-55-4 The comment states that people who buy in the new development have a choice to take Deer Springs Road and risk their life on a winding, already bustling road that is going to become very busy, and the people of Hidden Meadows have no choice. The comment does not raise any specific issue regarding the analysis and, therefore, no more specific response can be provided or is required. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.

I-55-5 The comment states that there is one way out of their neighborhood and if this development is approved, a seven minute trip to the hospital would become half an
hour at least. This comment is speculative and expresses the opinion of the commenter but is not supported by any evidence. All potential traffic impacts have been analyzed in Section 2.13 Transportation and Traffic of the Draft EIR. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.

I-55-6 The comment expresses concerns over the years of dust and noise by turning a rural area into a freeway suburb. Potential air quality impacts due to construction dust and construction noise have been adequately analyzed in Section 2.3 Air Quality and Section 2.10 Noise, respectively. The comment addresses general subject areas, which received extensive analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment does not raise any specific issue regarding that analysis and, therefore, no more specific response can be provided or is required. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.

I-55-7 The comment asks how long before the water rates go up and our trees have to die. The comment does not raise any specific issue regarding the analysis in the Draft EIR and, therefore, no more specific response can be provided or is required. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.