ANTELOPE VALLEY

Regional Planning Advisory Committee

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Transmitted via email to neil.peacock@dot.ca.gov

RE: Letter of Inquiry about the Walker Safety Project

Dear Mr. Peacock:

The Antelope Valley Regional Advisory Committee wants to thank you again for working to address the community's safety concerns on CA 395 though the town of Walker.

A couple of items that were brought up when Caltrans came to visit the RPAC are still open ended. We talked at length about reducing the speed limit through town. The current speed limit of 45mph seems excessive to the community (but obviously not the motoring public). We have not been provided with justification as to why the speed limit cannot be reduced when so many other rural towns along CA 395 have speed limits of 25 to 35mph.

Additionally, the reduced speed limit on northbound CA 395 starts north of the intersection with Eastside Lane. From a safety standpoint, reducing the speed limit further south about where the existing sign warning of a reduced speed now sits, would prepare motorists for the upcoming cross traffic and turn cutouts. We would like to understand why Caltrans has kept the sign placements as is.

We look forward to continuing to work with Caltrans to improve the safety of CA 395 through our communities.

Our Sincerest Thanks,

Don Morris Chairperson