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RE: ENV-2002-2481-EIR

My name is Craig Houchin and I am a Sunland resident. I have read the Traffic portion of the above referenced EIR and have identified some major omissions. The report covers only intersections and traffic patterns in the area immediately adjacent to the project site. However, the traffic that is generated by the development of this housing project will effect traffic miles away at the outlet of the two canyons whose northern ends are within the Project area.

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La Tuna Canyon Road, the main point of ingress and egress for the proposed site, and Sunland Blvd. through the Shadow Hills community, are both major routes to and from the 5 Fwy that are already over used. Sunland Blvd. is a 4 lane road, two lanes each direction, between Foothill Blvd. and the 5 Fwy. La Tuna Canyon is a two lane road, one lane each way, from the 210 Fwy to its connection with Sunland Blvd. about 1 mile from the 5 Fwy.

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The increased traffic created by this housing development will back up on both Sunland Blvd. and La Tuna Canyon at this intersection, effectively blocking these roads to any emergency vehicles during peak hours. This would put the homes and businesses in the Shadow Hills area and the lower end of La Tuna Canyon at high risk during these hours.

Furthermore, the southbound on ramp at Sunland Blvd. and the 5 Fwy is inadequate for this increased traffic and already backs up through the two intersections preceding it during the morning rush hour.

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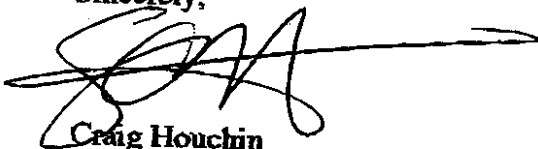
Also, during the morning rush hour, traffic on the 210 eastbound slows to 5 to 15 mph right at La Tuna Canyon and remains slow all the way to Hwy 2. The additional traffic from this housing development trying to get onto the 210 eastbound at La Tuna and travel down La Tuna Canyon to the 5 Fwy will make this already congested area severely overloaded.

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More attention should be paid to how this additional traffic load will effect these canyon communities that, though they may be considered outside the project zone, will be dramatically impacted by this development.

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Sincerely,



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