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To:

Bonnie Johnson - Calimesa

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Mike Lara

Subject:

IH-10 Corridor Strategic Plan - Response to Email of 9/27/2021

Good morning Bonnie,

Mayor Lara has drafted the response below to your email of 9/27/2021, and requests that it be forwarded to Mayor Davis.

Mayor Lara will follow up with Mayor Davis as is outlined below.

Thank you,

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Dear Mayor Davis,

Thank you for your follow-up email regarding the IH-10 Corridor Strategic Plan oversight committee. Since the City of Banning and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians have already voted to approve the joint resolution, I must confirm with each partner to ensure they are in support of Calimesa's alternative proposal. I will also need to circle back to the Beaumont City Council for consideration of such substantive changes since we have also approved the joint resolution.

It is my opinion that, at this stage, a joint resolution is the appropriate vehicle to demonstrate our mutual commitment and establish the basis for an ongoing oversight committee. This is not intended as an ad-hoc body. We are trying to set the stage for a sustained, cooperative effort that will work to address immediate needs while setting the stage for the future. The greatest opportunity for success in the Pass, especially as competition for federal and state dollars is going to become increasingly competitive, is for as many of us as possible to commit to a long-term, cooperative strategy. I have no doubt that memorandums of understanding will be necessary once our committee identifies a specific project or program. As we have discussed in prior meetings, there

are grant programs for regional transportation planning efforts and the resolution will be very important in our pursuit of those dollars.

I will follow up with you once I have confirmation from Beaumont City Council, the City of Banning, and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians. Should they not accept Calimesa's proposed changes I will invite the Calimesa City Council to reconsider.

Please do not hesitate to reach out and contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Regards,

Mike Lara

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