

CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS

August 6, 2025

Subject: Proposed Project on Paseo de Valencia and Cabot Road / Mobility Element

Amendment Workshop No. 2

Dear Resident:

The City of Laguna Hills is proposing to amend the Mobility Element of the City of Laguna Hills' General Plan as a prerequisite to receive \$5,000,000 in Federal funding earmarked for a project that involves constructing a Class IV Bikeway on Paseo de Valencia between Alicia Parkway and Cabot Road, and on Cabot Road between Paseo de Valencia and El Paseo.

The amendment to the Mobility Element does NOT include a specific project for implementation.

The Mobility Element only includes street reclassifications that would allow for consideration of a future project to be designed with community input.

To provide more information about the Mobility Element update and to present conceptual designs for roadway improvements for community feedback, we invite you to attend an Open House/Public Workshop where the project team will present the roadway improvement alternatives, answer questions, and gather feedback from residents like you.

Workshop Details:

Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 **Time:** 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Laguna Hills Civic Center – Council Chambers, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills

Format: Open house style with a brief presentation of the project at 5:45 p.m.

For more information about the project or the workshop, please visit our website at https://www.lagunahillsca.gov/595/Mobility-Element-Amendment or scan the QR code on the back of this letter.

Note that this is the second public workshop on this topic.

On May 14, 2025, the City of Laguna Hills held a public workshop to present two conceptual drawings of proposed roadway improvements on Paseo de Valencia between Alicia Parkway and Cabot Road, and on Cabot Road between La Paz Road and El Paseo for the inclusion of a dedicated Class IV (separated) bikeway to connect the Aliso Creek Bikeway at Paseo de Valencia/Laguna Hills Drive with the proposed City of Mission Viejo Quad-Cities bikeway at Cabot/El Paseo.

The two conceptual alternatives presented on May 14, 2025, also included:

- Traffic calming features such as:
 - Reducing the number of through lanes from two to one in each direction Constructing all-way stops on Paseo de Valencia at Alisal Avenue and at Velasquez Road;

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- Installing crosswalks at the above two intersections (to allow for better pedestrian access to Lomerena Elementary School and City parks)
- Constructing new dedicated turnout, loading/unloading zones, and parking in front of Valencia Elementary School (for student and parent safety); and
- New medians and parkways with enhanced landscaping.

Based upon feedback from residents at the workshop, the overwhelming majority of residents in attendance at that workshop did <u>not</u> want to reduce the number of through lanes on Paseo de Valencia or on Cabot Road.

Therefore, City staff and its consultant developed a third alternative for consideration that preserves two lanes in each direction on both Paseo de Valencia and on Cabot Road.

All alternatives are currently posted on the City's website at https://www.lagunahillsca.gov/595/Mobility-Element-Amendment

These alternatives will be on display at the August 19, 2025 public workshop.

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We look forward to seeing you at the workshop!

Sincerely,

Joe Ames

Interim City Manager

