RESOLUTION NO. 5404

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF YORBA LINDA RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YORBA LINDA APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT OF THE YORBA LINDA GENERAL PLAN TO MODIFY THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT MAP TO RECLASSIFY A PORTION OF ESPERANZA ROAD, FOR THAT PORTION BETWEEN FAIRMONT/FAIRMONT CONNECTOR AND THE WESTERN CITY LIMITS, FROM MAJOR 6 LANE TO PRIMARY 4 LANE AND TO RECLASSIFY FAIRMONT CONNECTOR FROM COLLECTOR 2 LANE TO PRIMARY 4 LANE - GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2019-01 – CITY OF YORBA LINDA.

WHEREAS, the original General Plan of the City of Yorba Linda was adopted in 1971, under City Council Resolution No. 328; and,

WHEREAS, the City General Plan was updated and approved under City Council Resolution No. 2015-5412 on October 18, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the adopted General Plan, is a policy document intended to facilitate decision making relative to the physical development of the City and to reflect the existing conditions, requirements, and constraints of the City; and,

WHEREAS, Government Code §65358 allows the City, when it deems it to be in the public interest, to amend all or part of the General Plan, provided that no single mandatory element may be amended more than four times during any calendar year, except that each amendment may include more than one change to the General Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Esperanza Road between Fairmont/Fairmont Connector and the western city limits is currently classified on the Circulation Element Map of the Yorba Linda General Plan as a Major 6 Lane which is designated as a six-lane roadway; and,

WHEREAS, Fairmont Connector is currently classified on the Circulation Element Map of the Yorba Linda General Plan as a Collector 2 Lane which is designated as a two-lane roadway; and,

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2018, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) received notice from the Regional Planning and Highways Committee approving an amendment to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) to reclassify both Esperanza Road and Fairmont Connector to Primary Arterial (4 lane Divided Roadway); and,

WHEREAS, final approval of the proposed amendments to the MPAH require the City to amend the Circulation Element of the General Plan to re-classify the subject roadway sections in a like manner to be consistent with the MPAH amendments; and,

WHEREAS, based upon the traffic analysis prepared by the County of Orange, current and projected ADT for the portion of Esperanza Road and Fairmont Connector to be reclassified would not exceed the Primary Arterial roadway classification capacity;
and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Municipal Code Section 18.36.610, on November 13, 2019, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 5387 to initiate a general plan amendment to consider amending the Circulation Element of the Yorba Linda General Plan to modify the classification of the subject segment of Esperanza Road from Major 6 Lane (six-lane roadway) to Primary 4 Lane (four-lane roadway), and to modify the classification of Fairmont Connector from Collector 2 Lane (tow-lane roadway) to Primary 4 Lane (four-lane roadway); and,

WHEREAS, General Plan Amendment 2019-01, to re-classify the subject segment of Esperanza Road from Major 6 Lane (six-lane roadway) to Primary 4 Lane (four-lane roadway), and to modify the classification of Fairmont Connector from Collector 2 Lane (tow-lane roadway) to Primary 4 Lane (four-lane roadway); and,

WHEREAS, this General Plan amendment requires a public hearing before the Planning Commission, and public notice has been provided in accordance with State law; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning General Plan Amendment 2019-01 was held by the Planning Commission on March 11, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, after consideration of all applicable staff reports and all information, testimony, and evidence presented at the public hearing, the Planning Commission does hereby find:

1. That the proposed General Plan Amendment is in the public interest of the City of Yorba Linda, in that, the new classification(s) for each roadway section is more in-line with the as built condition(s) and would also be consistent with the Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) as amended on April 9, 2018; and,

2. That the proposed General Plan Amendment will not adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of the residents within the community; and,

3. That the proposed General Plan Amendment, will not be contrary to other goals, objectives and/or policies of the Yorba Linda General Plan; and,

4. The Planning Commission certifies that this amendment to the Yorba Linda General Plan is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 CCR § 15060(c)(2) and § 15061(b)(3).

5. The Planning Commission finds and determines that General Plan Amendment 2019-01 is not a "major amendment" to a land use planning policy document as specified in Section 18.01.030 of the Yorba Linda Municipal Code; thus, General Plan Amendment 2019-01 does not require approval of a majority vote of the electorate of the City to become effective.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Yorba Linda Planning Commission does hereby recommend to the City Council of the City of Yorba Linda as follows:

SECTION 1:

The Planning Commission does hereby recommend to the City Council of the City of Yorba Linda the approval of GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2019-01, to amend the Circulation Element of the Yorba Linda General Plan to amend the Circulation Element Map (Exhibit CR-2) to re-classify the roadway designation for the portion of Esperanza Road Fairmont/Fairmont Connector to the western city limits from Major 6 Lane (six-lane roadway) to Primary 4 Lane (four-lane roadway), and to amend the Circulation Element of the Yorba Linda General Plan to amend the Circulation Element Map (Exhibit CR-2) to re-classify the roadway designation of Fairmont Connector from Collector 2 Lane (two-lane roadway) to Primary 4 Lane (four-lane roadway).

SECTION 2:

The Planning Commission does hereby recommend to the City Council of the City of Yorba Linda that the City Council direct that the Circulation Element Map (Exhibit CR-2) of the Circulation Element of the Yorba Linda General Plan be re-drawn to show that portion of Esperanza Road and Fairmont Connector as a Primary 4 Lane as shown on Exhibit “A” attached to this Resolution and by this reference incorporated herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Yorba Linda on March 11, 2020.

DON BERNSTEIN
CHAIRMAN

TO WIT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Yorba Linda Planning Commission on March 11, 2020, and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 5 COMMISSIONERS: BERNSTEIN, MASTERSOON, PEASE, DARNELL, LYONS
NOES: 0 COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT: 0 COMMISSIONERS: NONE

DAVID BRANTLEY, AICP
SECRETARY TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION