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From: Richard Hensle [REDACTED]
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To: shun@sandag.org
Subject: Very dangerous freeway transition

Hello,

I would like to make you aware of a very dangerous freeway to freeway transition in the East County.?? Westbound I-8 to Northbound SR-67 has had quite a few rear end collisions for a while, but the frequency has been increasing as more people discover they can bypass Mission Valley to get to Kearny Mesa and points north.?? The problem is the that the transfer ramp is a single 90 degree curving lane which on a regular basis cannot handle the volume of west to north traffic.?? It is complicated by the Mollison Ave. on ramp to westbound I-8 and the cross merging vehicles in a very short distance. Transfer vehicles slow in order to negotiate said curve, and it catches drivers on westbound I-8 off-guard (possibly texting, not looking far enough down the road, speeding, etc.)?? I transit the area on a semi-regular basis and can report most recently a two car rear-ender on Sat. Sep. 14 on the Ballantyne over-crossing around noon and on a return east bound trip the same day another at the end of the Mollison on ramp an hour or so later.?? On Mon. Sep. 16 there was another 3 car rear-ender in the same area around 1:30 PM. I have seen at least two occasions in the past six months where cars have been sent down the embankment between I-8 and the Mollison ramp.?? These incidents have required dispatch of emergency personnel. Traffic backs up to the Second Ave. on ramp and earlier this year it was backed up to Greenfield.?? Weekends are particularly notorious for backups.?? This has become an?? extremely dangerous road section in the last year or so.?? I would suggest at least a second transition lane (a direct connection to SR-67 and possibly a reconfiguration of the Mollison on ramp.?? I have submitted my concerns to Caltrans as CSR# 765084.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Richard Hensle