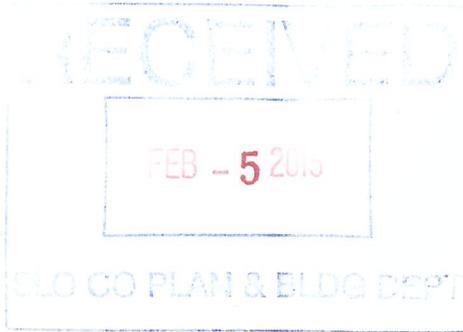


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Honorable Planning Commissioners
San Luis Obispo County
c/o James A. Bergman, Director of Planning and Building
976 Los Osos Street, Room 200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

RE: Letter Requesting that the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission Deny the Phillips 66 Company Santa Maria Refinery Rail Spur Extension Project

Dear Honorable Chair and Commissioners:

As Mayor of the City of Oxnard ("Oxnard"), I write on behalf of the Oxnard City Council, to respectfully request that the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission ("Commission") deny the proposed Phillips 66 Company Santa Maria Refinery Rail Spur Extension Project, due to unmitigated significant hazardous impacts associated with the transport of crude oil by rail that would result, as identified in the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The transport of crude oil by 1.4-mile long trains to the Santa Maria Refinery would occur on the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, either from Roseville or Colton. The City of Oxnard is located in Ventura County along the UPRR between Colton and the Santa Maria Refinery. Oxnard has seven at-grade signalized public crossings of the UPRR tracks that go through the heart of Oxnard, and cross Rice Avenue (State Highway 1) which carries a significant amount of heavy Port Hueneme truck traffic and is a designated U.S. Navy mobilization corridor from Naval Base Ventura County. An incident involving an oil train could result in the closure of multiple crossings at the same time, cutting off most of the City from our only hospital emergency room. Homes, schools, parks, and businesses are subjected to UPRR engine emissions as they traverse Oxnard. Although the EIR for this project identifies the risk of derailment resulting in a spill as small, just one event could be devastating to Oxnard.

For these reasons, the City Council of the City of Oxnard respectfully requests the Commission deny the proposed Phillips 66 Company Santa Maria Refinery Rail Spur Extension Project.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments on this project.

Sincerely,


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Mayor

cc: City Council; Ventura County Board of Supervisors; City Managers of City of Ventura, City of Camarillo, City of Moorpark, and the City of Simi Valley.



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