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City Council to consider adding traffic light at RRCR and Country Club driveway.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CANYON LAKE, CA – On April 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. the Canyon Lake City Council will consider adding a traffic light on Railroad Canyon Road at the Country Club Drive entrance to facilitate the flow of traffic through the core area of the city and minimize delays.

The city is improving Railroad Canyon Road based on recommendations by the City Engineer as part of its General Plan Circulation Element build-out design.

Since the project was approved in November, the design team for the Railroad Canyon Improvement Project changed the original design to include a new traffic signal at the intersection of Railroad Canyon Road and the Golf Course Driveway at the Canyon Lake Country Club.

The intersection is a T-roadway with the southbound approach of the Golf Course Driveway stop controlled and Railroad Canyon Road uncontrolled. A left turn pocket will also be created on Railroad Canyon Road to allow for left turns movements under a protected left-turn signal phase into the Golf Course Driveway from the eastbound direction. The signalized intersection would be phased with signalized intersections at Skylink Drive (approximately 725 feet to the west) and Canyon Lake Drive South/Town Center (approximately 1,700 feet to the east) so that a coordinated signal system could be created within the project limits.

The Western Riverside Council of Governments recommended targeting \$6.15 million for the RRCR project on its Transportation Improvement Program. The funds are available at no cost to the city through the Traffic Uniform Migration Fees that are collected when building permits are issued.

On Nov. 4, 2009 the Canyon Lake City Council approved the engineering design of Railroad Canyon Road widening project, concluded that there were no significant adverse impacts resulting from the project and directed staff to finalize the project for bidding subject to funding.

The approved roadway improvements would expand Railroad Canyon Road to six lanes with 5-foot Class II bike lanes, curb, gutter and sidewalks. All the improvements would be done within the existing 110-foot wide right-of-way. For the most part, the proposed Railroad Canyon Road improvements will be completed within the existing road right-of-way. The project will be constructed in a manner consistent with the City of Canyon Lake and Riverside County Transportation Department standards. Utility infrastructure within the roadway alignment will be protected in place or relocated.

By planning for the future today, the City of Canyon Lake is working to protect the amenities and quality of life enjoyed by its residents, businesses and visitors alike.