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Fact: Latest Study Confirms Quarry Will Reduce I-15 Truck Traffic

A second round of analysis shows proposed quarry will eliminate up to 1,217 truck trips per day and up to 16 million truck miles a year on I-15 in Riverside County.

Rainbow, CA – The facts are in, and the proposed Liberty Quarry in Southwest Riverside County will indeed reduce truck traffic according to a new traffic study conducted by the region’s leading transportation consultants, Urban Crossroads, Inc.

“We’ve always felt that Liberty Quarry would be a tremendous benefit to Southwest Riverside County, but the new figures on truck traffic reductions are really staggering,” said Gary Johnson, Aggregate Resource Development Manager for Granite Construction, the developer of the Quarry. “A reduction of 1,000 truck trips per day means an increase in quality of life on the freeways in this area.”

By locating the facility south of the Temecula city limits at the San Diego County line, Liberty Quarry is able to relieve the existing supply routes moving materials from north to south through Southwest Riverside County. This relocation of the source of materials would result in a reduction of between 449 and 1,217 truck trips per day between Temecula and Lake Elsinore when operating at full capacity. When one studies the distances these vehicles would otherwise have been traveling, the impacts are tremendous, with over 16 million truck miles per year taken off of our freeways and highways.

For perspective, the 52,000 truck miles per day this project takes off the road is enough to go around the world twice. The 16 million truck miles per year it saves is enough for 68 trips to the moon!

“Cutting 16 million truck miles per year and 1,000 truck trips per day in our county will ease congestion, improve highway safety, reduce wear and tear on road surfaces, and decrease the cost of concrete, rocks, and asphalt to critical public works projects in the region. We will also be able to demonstrate specific emissions reductions that will result from this decrease in truck traffic in a study that we expect to be completed within the next month,” commented Gary Johnson.

The exact projected reduction of truck trips per community is as follows:

	Truck Trip Reduction
Lake Elsinore	1,217 Truck trips per day
Murrieta	1,063 Truck trips per day
Temecula	449 Truck trips per day

“The Liberty Quarry site is ideally located for many reasons, and this study just further proves what we already knew,” Gary Johnson commented. “Finding a site so conveniently located to the needs of the community, yet totally hidden from view, with a long-term supply of quality sand and gravel within is an opportunity we can’t afford to miss. Clearly this whole region will benefit from the Liberty Quarry.”

Liberty Quarry is a proposed 155-acre rock quarry located in Southwest Riverside County at the San Diego County line. It is expected to generate over 270 million tons of high-quality granite rock, ideal for making concrete and asphalt materials. It is currently working its way through the environmental review process in Riverside County. The quarry is seen as critical to meeting regional demand for these materials because the Inland Empire is projected to experience a 50% shortage in permitted raw material reserves in the next 50 years, according to a 2002 study by the California Department of Conservation.

Granite Construction has been listed in Fortune Magazine’s 100 Best Companies to Work For and also their Most Admired Companies list. Founded in 1922, Granite holds the 3rd oldest general contractors license in California. Granite’s Southern California branch is located in Indio and employs over 300 people throughout Riverside County. For more information about the company, visit their website at www.graniteconstruction.com.

For a complete copy of the traffic studies, or any other questions about the Liberty Quarry project, please contact the Liberty Quarry offices at 951-699-0922

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