



**Date:** May 3, 2005  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**From:** Councilwoman Rae Gabelich, 8th District *RG* *RGK*  
**Subject:** Maintenance of Freeway On- and Off-ramps

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Background:

Since the point I first became a member of the City Council, I have become increasingly frustrated by the appearance of the on- and off-ramps to the freeways that serve our community. This is a complaint that I also hear frequently from residents, businesses and even visitors to our city.

I understand that the on- and off-ramps are facilities which are owned by the State of California and that they are operated and maintained by CalTrans. Though I appreciate that CalTrans may not have the resources to keep the on- and off-ramps as clean as we would like, it is my opinion that many other communities enjoy much better appearing ramps than we do here in Long Beach.

With the City Council's support, the City Manager has recently launched a new litter awareness program based upon the premise that a cleaner city will be a safer and more valued city. This is a commendable goal. However, I believe until our on- and off-ramps are addressed, our anti-litter efforts will be severely hampered.

Recommended Council Action:

Request that the City Manager bring a report back to the City Council within 30 days which will identify specific strategies to encourage CalTrans to work more effectively with the City of Long Beach in the operation and maintenance of its freeway on- and off-ramps.