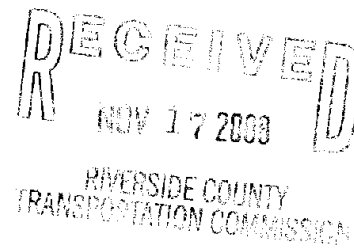


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Regarding Mid County Parkway

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for arranging the public meetings where we could see the plans, the EIR/EIS, and ask questions of trained people about this project that could change the world of many inhabitants both animal and human in Riverside Co.

As I was looking at the section about air pollution and climatic conditions (c.14.21), I noticed a fallacy. It states that the prevailing winds are from the east and southeast with occasional Santa Ana from the north. Anyone who lives in the area knows this is not true. The prevailing winds are from the west usually starting about 10am until just after dusk. The rare days are the ones from the east and north. I have lived in several areas along the purposed route and find that to be true everywhere.

There was also no mention of the mountains that surround the Gavilan Plateau. With the westerly winds, these mountains will trap the pollutants creating conditions similar to Moreno Valley where it is quite unhealthy. If the pollutants manage to escape the plateau, they will settle over Perris Valley and Moreno Valley creating even worse conditions for those communities which have mountains to the east of them. It seems to me that whoever wrote the report never visited the area or only was here for a few unusual days.

The statement that the pollution will be less because the traffic will be moving faster is also a false assumption. Since there will be no tunnel, most of the diesel trucks using the proposed parkway will be sitting there waiting to get on the I15-91 freeways.

My questions to the commissioners are: **What will be done to keep the air pollution from rising to unhealthy levels on the Gavilan Plateau? What is the justification for spreading unhealthy pollutants to an area that is now safe? How will you help those with asthma, emphysema, and heart disease who may have to move because of the difficulty breathing? Have you researched the validity of the statements about air quality?**

Those of us who enjoy a small spot of breathable air implore you to stop and think before you continue this path of destruction.

With respect to you and the white pelican,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "June Ann Scales".

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Resident and taxpayer