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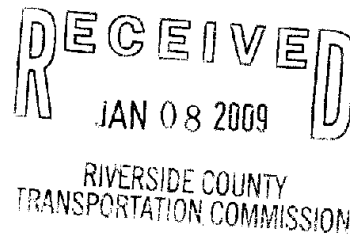
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Re: Crown Point POINTS to NO to the MCP!



To whom it may concern:

It was with extreme pleasure that we relocated our family to the Gavilan Hills/Crown Point development, from the urban sprawl found in the San Gabriel Valley. Our move to this wonderful piece of geography, unique with its rural embrace of wildlife corridors, rustic canyon settings, and neighborly atmosphere. Responsible development (that initially included your department) and developers actually drew on this atmosphere, and have, until recently, been keen to market this wonderful rural setting on their Gavilan Hills and Lake Matthews (Southern Lake Districts) on the very aspects that initially drew us out here in 1992. That consensus and convergence of thought, of 'what is a rural community' has been thoroughly tested with this insane concept (Mid County Parkway). The project, has thoroughly galvanized our section of the Gavilan Hills AGAINST this lopsided, ill-conceived, and ANTI-COMMUNITY, ANTI-Wildlife (wildlife corridors and large portions of riverian settings) would outwardly be destroyed and has taken little heed of what this Gavilan Hills section and her residents will stand for.

Therefore, our entire household, and we residents, *Crown Point specifically, are pleased to provide an on-going communiqué to your office, to STAND AGAINST the Mid County Parkway Proposal!*

We understand your department has a role to perform in terms of civilian and commerce transport. We've even heard/seen the communication via certain commission members and planning aids touting their 'computer models' that showcase relevant and future population growth. Insulting enough to any resident of our beloved Gavilan Plateau/Lake Matthews Hills, is the term, Parkway, but also the absolute neglect or caring of those residents who chose this area for the intrinsic of its history, and it's environment. How does that fit into your 'computer model'? Other variable for your 'model equation' is/are the varied factors that see currently schizophrenic route system on the Cajalco/Ramona Expressway that already can cater to your 'demographic core/potential highway users.' Perhaps with better, long term, sustainable developments that should have been outlaid years ago. What was wrong with your computer modeling system then and we're asked to trust it now?

Long Term Land Use Planning and Public transportation routes can take many forms WITHOUT inflicting so much environmental and community degradation as what is seen in this MCP proposal.

What has been seen via the Report and initial EIRs and related early studies is a preponderance of politics NOT planning with regards to this Southern route. The media will have a field day, we'll make sure of that, with such outright arrogance with this current chosen route.

Honestly, how much ongoing professional development does your staff undergo so as to keep in touch with the residents (current and future) that your plan proposals will ultimately affect? The Urban Land Institute, for example, provides incredible planning options, all of them SUSTAINABLE, from job creation to innovative products, like PERMEABLE SURFACES FOR WATERSHED, many made here in Riverside, that would showcase your Office as a leader in environmentally friendly, water conscious, community building transportation measure that would even please the powerful interest groups that already frequent your office. What we've seen thus far, is not just disappointing in terms of planning from those parties that one would think would have the strong selling points of Riverside in mind, but actually seem intent on serving one or two specific commercial or socio-economic interest groups and absolutely neglect long term intrinsic, community, economic and environmental value systems.

The arrogance of naming this project a parkway, just illustrates the complete absence of any long term community outreach or true environmental care or awareness. The recent Cajalco/Ramona Express and Flood Control expansion was originally forwarded to local residents as mitigation for watershed management and traffic issues. Part of the mitigation was the planting of a large number of native trees along the Expressway, that, as was told to us, would function as an 'arbored (tree) sound wall to barrier the brakes, sirens and heavy truck sounds that would exponentially grow with traffic and boy did it! Residents watched these trees die, within months, with now only the tree stakes remaining. And now this 'Parkway proposal, at some points, mere 1,500 feet away from the existing Expressway. Don't you think that's a bit much to take from these residents OR anyone living in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? Sandwiching this Gavilan Hills community BETWEEN two Expressways goes beyond any sense of reasonable planning, and fringes on pure archaic, point to point road measures, that the media, and we hope the courts, will be destined to 'Pointedly' recognize.

We'll make it a point to OPPOSE this MCP plan every step of it's ANTI-GAVILAN Community way.

We hope you take this critique and notice in the spirit it was written in, and hope you will take our interests, the people that LIVE here, into consideration.

Sincerely,

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