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Re: Mid-County-Parkway MCP

Concerns: Comments on planned new Highway

To Ms. Cathy Bechtel RCTC P.O.Box 12008 Riverside CA 92502-2208

We object to the planned MCP for the following reasons:

- 1. If built it must connect to the proposed highway/tunnel (ICE) through the Santa Ana Mountains.
- 2. Health risks for people within 1500 feet of planned highway according to studies by USC and UCLA
- 3. Proposed MCP represents a segmentation of a larger project into two smaller ones, the MCP plus ICE. Therefore a draft EIR/EIS should be reissued which includes **both** the MCP and ICE.
- 4. Impact on previously established mitigation areas (Lake Matthews Reserve, El Sobrante, Estelle Mountain)
- 5. MCP construction would give a severe blow to the Western Riverside Multiple Species Conservation Plan (HCP)

Please keep us informed of all meetings and documents related to the Mid-County Parkway.

Sincerely

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