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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Cathy Bechtel  
Riverside County Transportation Commission  
4080 Lemon Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Riverside, CA 92501

Dear Ms. Bechtel:

Re: SCH# 2004111103; Mid County Parkway

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) has jurisdiction over the safety of highway-rail crossings (crossings) in California. The California Public Utilities Code requires Commission approval for the construction or alteration of crossings and grants the Commission exclusive power on the design, alteration, and closures of crossings.

The Commission is in receipt of copy of the *Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal*-Draft Environment Impact Report (EIR) from the State Clearinghouse. The project description identified "Alternative 9" as the Locally Preferred Alternative. Commission crossing No. 002X-13.90-A, Ramona Expressway OH and 002X-15.40-A, Placentia Street OH will be modified as part of this alternative. Modifications to crossings including widening of an existing grade separation, are within the scope of Commission General Order (GO) 88-B: "Rules for Altering Public Highway-Rail Crossings." One of the primary prerequisites for a GO 88-B application is concurrence of all parties (railroad, local agency and Commission) to propose changes.

The Riverside County Transportation Commission should arrange a meeting with RCES and BNSF Railway Company staff to discuss relevant safety issues and requirements of a GO 88-B request for authority to modify an existing grade crossing separation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 213-576-1399 or email at [bill@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:bill@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Lay".

Bill Lay  
Utilities Engineer  
Rail Crossings Engineering Section  
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C: Melvin Thomas, BNSF