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Ms. Cathy Bechtel
 Riverside County Transportation Commission
 4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor
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Re: MID COUNTY PARKWAY - DRAFT EIR

Dear Cathy:

We want to thank you and your staff for taking the time to personally meet with us to discuss the future Mid County Parkway that is now out for public review. At that meeting you presented several route options and indicated to us that Route No. 9 was the preferred route.

We have reviewed the Draft EIR for the Riverside County Transportation Commission Mid County Parkway and offer the following comments:

- Based on the preferred Route No. 9 the Val Verde Elementary School and the Val Verde High School appear to be very near the proposed Parkway that would potentially create noise and air quality impacts.
- Mitigation measures may or may not be appropriate considering the proximity to these schools.
- Relocation of these schools should be a consideration to secure the health, safety and welfare of the students and staff at these schools sites.
- The Val Verde District Office also appears to be in direct conflict with Route 9. Relocation of the District Office should be taken into consideration.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Mid County Parkway Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Should you have any questions, please contact Sandee Hackett, Director of Facilities at (951) 940-6100, Ext. 10837.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Boyd
 Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

Cc: Dr. Carroll Brown, Superintendent
 Sandee Hackett, Director, Facilities