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Russell Williams
Environmental Oversight
California Department of Transportation
Attn: I-15 Cajalco Road Interchange Project/Kerrie Hudson
464 W. Fourth Street, 6th Floor, Mail Stop 1163
San Bernardino, CA 92401

SUBJECT: Mid-County Parkway and Interstate 15 / Cajalco Road Interchange Project

Dear Mr. Williams,

The Corona Chamber of Commerce has supported the early efforts of the Mid-County Parkway Project. We will continue to assist the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) by educating our business community on the importance of this major transportation investment. However, we do have some concerns regarding the Interstate 15 Cajalco Road Interchange Project.

It is our understanding that the proposed version of the interchange project would greatly increase the bottlenecking of traffic near the interchange. The Chamber believes that the current decision to construct half-diamond lanes instead of the full diamond lanes would be a major contributor to the bottlenecking. The Chamber is concerned that Corona's local economy would be severely impacted due to the limitation of consumer access to the I-15/Cajalco exits.

We would ask that you revisit this issue and review other alternatives when constructing the interchange.

Sincerely,


Bobby Spiegel
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