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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

November 5, 2008

Riverside County Transportation Commission
4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor
Riverside, CA 92502-2208

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, I would like to express our support for the construction of the Mid County Parkway Alternative 9, a planned 32-mile east-west transportation corridor that will connect Highway 79 in San Jacinto to Interstate 15 near Corona with the least overall project impacts.

A continuous and direct route between Interstate 15 and State Route 79 is imperative for the growing population of Riverside County. With the existing congestion-plagued traffic routes, it is now time to ensure ease for future mobility, as Riverside County's population is expected to top 3 million residents in the next two decades. Less congestion and improved commutes also saves our residents millions of dollars annually in gasoline and vehicle maintenance – money that can be invested in the community and the local economy.

The Mid County Parkway will also provide better enhancement for our local economy through the expeditious movement of goods and services, giving savings in transportation costs to residents and businesses. As a major infrastructure improvement, the Mid-County Parkway will help attract new businesses and jobs to our region while strengthening our existing businesses, bringing economic vitality to Western Riverside County.

It is time for this important project to advance. Our residents and businesses deserve less traffic and more economic opportunities.

Sincerely,

Cindy Roth
President/CEO

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