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From: Cathy Bechtel
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Date: 10/9/2008 5:32 PM
Subject: Your recent email to the Mid County Parkway website

Hi Curtis,

I appreciate you taking the time to comment. RCTC agrees that alternate modes of transportation need to be offered to encourage less reliance on the private automobile. To that end, RCTC has for many years had a Commuter Assistance Program and the County's half cent sales tax for transportation improvements (Measure A) includes a specific set aside to support ridesharing, vanpooling, buspools as well as funding for specialized transit programs. We also are a member agency of Metrolink and are currently working to get the commuter rail system expanded from downtown Riverside to Perris. Measure A also provides some funding to support improved bus services in the County. But even with all this support, projected growth in the County shows that improvements to the transportation infrastructure are still needed. Thus our plans for the Mid County Parkway. The good news is when the Measure A was reauthorized in 2002, a portion of the funds were specifically earmarked to support the County's Multi Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) which is preserving over 150,000 acres in western Riverside County. We are proud of the fact that RCTC has already contributed over \$126,000,000 towards preservation of open space in Western Riverside County (just since 2004). If you are interested in reading more about the MSHCP and the coordinated planning effort (which was where the need for a new east-west transportation corridor was first discussed), here's a link www.rcip.org .

Again, thank you for taking the time to share your comments.

Sincerely,
Cathy Bechtel

From Curtis Younger southpawboarder@gmail.com

Message Sent:

Hello, I am a resident of Lake Mathews. I'm 17 and received a flyer from RAGLM, (I assume you're aware of the group) and was curious about the MCP. I found this site and notice that this parkway might run right through my neighborhood. It made me wonder why the RCTC and other Southern Californian transportation commissions continue to assert private transportation. It stresses the environment, it degrades private property, it is costly what with prices of damn near everything, and it is becoming increasingly inefficient. I suggest more research and effort toward strengthening the Metrolink, RTA, and perhaps new transportation associations. The public is becoming increasingly aware of the

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environment. The county will support public transportation, instead of fighting RCTC like this over-zealous bunch in my community. Thanks for listening, or reading anyway. Hope you care. Very sincerely, Curtis Younger

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