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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

ATTN Cathy Bechtel
Project Development Director

Subject Mid-County Parkway Meeting / December 2, 2008

REF 1. Our conversation at the Mid-County Parkway meeting on December 2, 2008 regarding the removal of the on/off ramp at Gavilan Road

2. Our previous letter dated November 3, 2008

Dear Cathy,

To confirm my statement at the meeting that the on/off ramps were eliminated from proposed route 9 (this is based on limited information given to me at public meetings, mailings and misc. newspaper articles etc. over the last 3 years) I have attached a Parkway brochure volume #3 July 2005. For unknown reasons the most recent brochure is volume #6 October 2008 but I was not sent or given volumes #4 and #5. (If they exist) Also attached is a newspaper article dated August 2007.

Both of these documents clearly show on/off ramps at Gavilan Road. Is it possible that this intersection was accidentally removed (computer glitch etc.) since the on/off ramp is simply shown as a circle. In fact if you look on the August 2007 newspaper article I provided you will see that there is no on/off ramp shown on Old Elsinore Road.

In my opinion some of the local residents are putting all of their efforts into eliminating proposed route 9 parkway and if it does go through as proposed without Gavilan Road on/off ramps or equivalent, they could possible be outraged when they find out that they can not easily and conveniently use the parkway. Also without a Gavilan Road on/off ramp the potential traffic that could be put on to Lake Mathews Road especially between the parkway and Cajalco Road should be addressed by the County Transportation Department due to the fact that it is narrow and steep. My previous letter dated November 3, 2008 reflects my other thoughts on proposed route 9 parkway.

Thank You for your consideration.

Sincerely

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P.S. Could you please make this letter part of the public record

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ATTN Juan Perez
Director

Subject Mid-County Parkway Meeting / December 2, 2008

REF Cajalco Road Improvement

Dear Juan,

It was great to hear your outlook regarding future improvements to be completed on Cajalco Road since we use it often to when we travel to the Hemet and Corona area. It was also very interesting to me when you made the statement that "a connection of Mid County Parkway to Wood Road would be beneficial". If there was an on/off ramp at Gavilan Road it would give Wood Road traffic a reasonable means of accessing the parkway without creating a new road.

For reasons I do not know the on/off ramp at Gavilan Road was eliminated (removed) from the parkway. For your information I have attached a copy of the letter that was sent to Cathy Bechtel on November 3, 2008 and December 6, 2008 which state our thoughts on the parkway.

After you review my letter and any other input that your receive, please discuss your concerns with Cathy so hopefully an on/off ramp can be installed at Gavilan road or equivalent which will allow local traffic to reasonably access the parkway

Thank You for your consideration.

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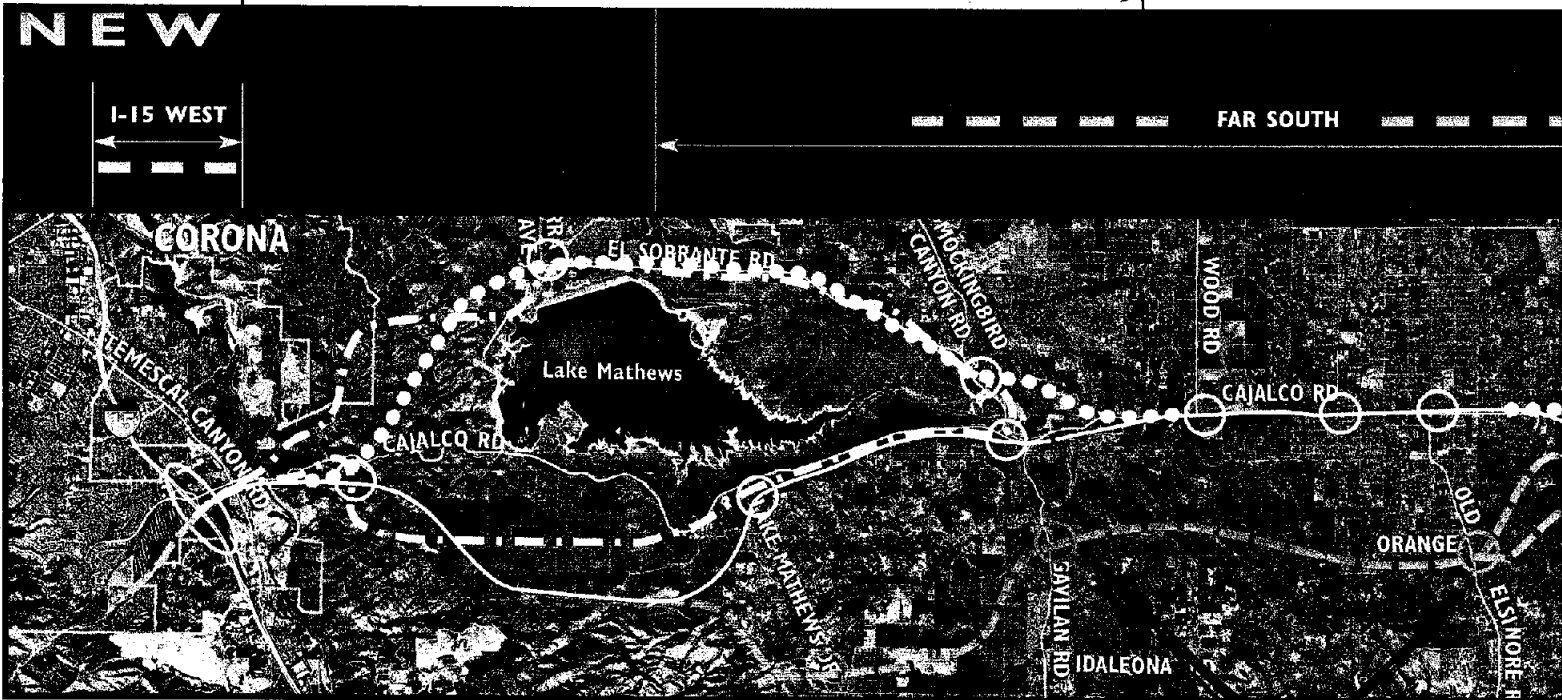
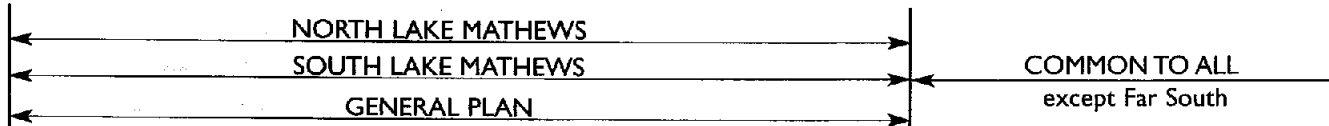


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GIVE US YOUR INPUT ABOUT THE OPTIONS



WHY ARE WE CONSIDERING NEW OPTIONS?

Members of the public and public agencies gave us input regarding their concerns about impacts to homes, businesses, and habitat reserves. A "Value Analysis" team of independent experts examined the proposed alternatives for weaknesses that could either stop the project from moving forward or that would add significant cost to the project if solutions were not found.

This input resulted in several new options for further consideration by the public, concerned public agencies, and study team members. From west to east, these are the new options under consideration:

New—I-15 West Option:

This option would extend all of the routes west of the I-15 Freeway to provide access to the parkway for the Corona community.

New—Far South Option:

All of the original eight alternatives affected the Lake Mathews habitat reserve. The "Value Analysis" team suggested that at least one option be developed to avoid this area to ensure the project could move forward in the event that crossing the reserve was not possible. This new option offers the possibility of avoiding the Lake Mathews habitat reserve and affecting fewer acres of Stephen's Kangaroo Rat reserve. In addition, because it is so far south of Cajalco Road, it has the advantage of fewer community impacts to the Mead Valley area.

CRITERIA

	Need	Construction	Social Factors	Sensitive Wildlife/Vegetation
North Lake Mathews	6 lanes, meets projected demand	Second highest total cost 6 local interchanges	Affects about the same number of homes, businesses as South Lake Mathews	Lake Mathews (259 acres) and Stephen's Kangaroo Rat (259 acres) habitat reserves affected
South Lake Mathews	6 lanes, meets projected demand	Third highest total cost 6 local interchanges	Affects about the same number of homes, businesses as North Lake Mathews	Lake Mathews (238 acres) and Stephen's Kangaroo Rat (400 acres) habitat reserves affected
County General Plan	6 lanes north of Lake Mathews combined with 4 lanes south, meets projected demand	Highest total cost 6 local interchanges	Second least effect on homes, businesses	Lake Mathews (358 acres) and Stephen's Kangaroo Rat (512 acres) habitat reserves affected
Far South	6 to 8 lanes, Evans Rd to I-15 6 lanes, I-15 to Old Elsinore 4 lanes, Old Elsinore Rd west Meets projected demand	Lowest total cost 4 local interchanges Cajalco Rd remains open, can be up to 4 lanes Adds 1 year to timeline	Least effect on homes, businesses	Stephen's Kangaroo Rat (150 acres) habitat reserve affected No effect on Lake Mathews reserve

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Leaders select freeway option

MID COUNTY PARKWAY: Homes and businesses south of lakes Perris and Mathews may be affected.

BY PHIL PITCHFORD
THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

County transportation leaders are endorsing a route for a 32-mile freeway between San Jacinto and Corona they say would create the least impact but still require removing 270 homes and businesses, mostly in Perris and Mead Valley.

The Riverside County Transportation Commission staff recommends that the \$3.1 billion Mid County Parkway be built as far south as possible from Lake Perris and Lake Mathews to minimize the effects on property owners and the environment, project development director Cathy Bechtel said.

"With any new transportation facility, there are impacts," Bechtel said. "We are trying to be as sensitive as we can."

The commission circulated plans for five possible routes to cities and state and federal agencies that have a say in where and when the road will be built. The preferred alternative route will be reviewed by a committee of commission members on Monday and taken to the full commission for a vote Sept. 12.

The road is designed to provide a link between opposite ends of western Riverside County, and an east-west connection between interstates 15 and 215. It also could ease traffic on highways 91 and 60, as well as Van Buren Boulevard through Riverside.

Construction is expected to start in 2011 at the earliest. If all the money could be allocated by then, construction would last about five years, officials said.

The favored alternative also is the least expensive compared with alternatives that could cost as much as \$3.7 billion, Bechtel said.

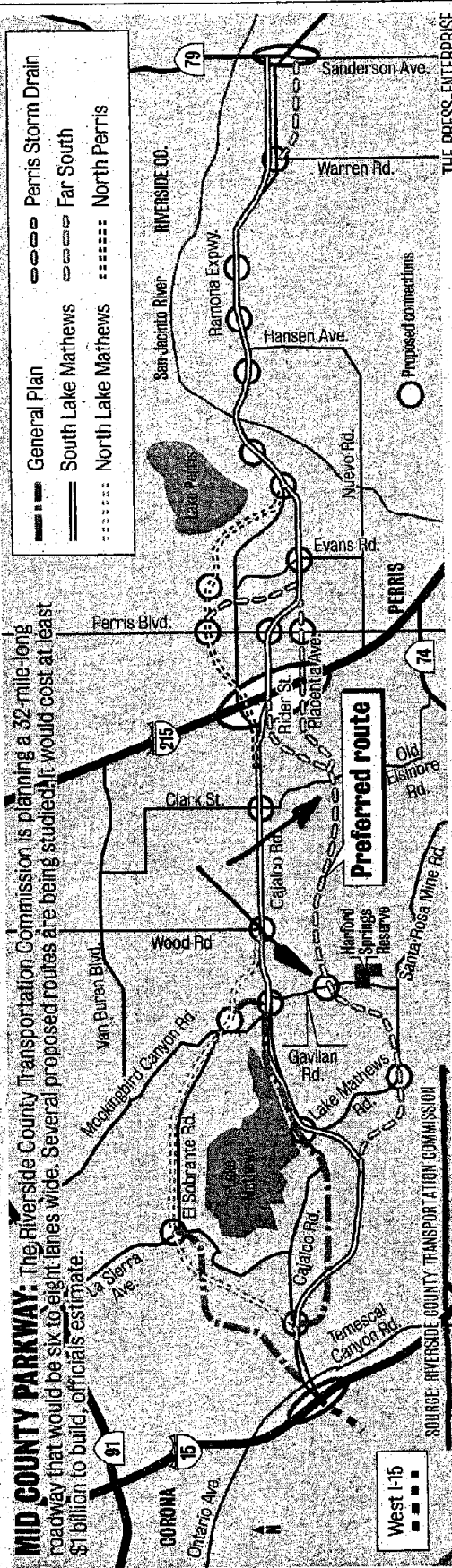
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INLAND AREA ■ STORIES FROM B1

FRIDAY
AUGUST 24, 2007

THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

MID COUNTY PARKWAY: The Riverside County Transportation Commission is planning a 32-mile-long roadway that would be six to eight lanes wide. Several proposed routes are being studied. It would cost at least \$1 billion to build, officials estimate.



"There are going to be some unhappy people" elsewhere, Ayres said. "Fortunately, in our city, the route is undeveloped, so nobody is going to lose a house. The sooner, the better is our official position."

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and closer to the southern edge of Lake Perris. But the city reconsidered after questions were raised about the seismic safety of Perris Dam near that route.

Conversely, San Jacinto welcomes the project and wants the first leg built there through undeveloped land, Mayor Jim Ayres said.

City Councilman Mark Yarborough, who estimated the new road would result in more than 100 Perris families losing their homes.

"It will spoil the city," Yarborough said. "For Perris, this is not a good thing."

The city originally favored a route that would travel north of the Ramona Expressway

commission's preferred alternative will stay in place unless federal transportation officials unexpectedly reject it or some environmental problem is found through more intensive testing. Initial environmental tests show no problems, Bechtel said.

The parkway remains "a very sensitive issue" in Perris, said

But, given that only \$570 million has been allocated so far, the project likely will be built in stages, she said.

A final decision is not due until late next year. But the

PARKWAY

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November 3 rd 2008

Ms Cathy Bechtel
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Subject: Mid County Parkway

Reference: Public meeting on October 28th 2008 which we attended

Dear Ms Bechtel

I was surprised to see the proposed on/off ramps at corner of Gavilan Road and Parkway was eliminated since it was shown on previous documents given to public and shown at public meetings etc. I caught this revision because my residence is close to this intersection and planned on using it to access parkway. Should this revision be pointed out in future meetings so public knows about it? Why wasn't this major revision pointed out in Volume 6 Oct. 2008 public literature where locally preferred 9(TWSDV) revisions are discussed. It's possible that a large amount of the public that would want to use Gavilan Road to access parkway do not know it has been eliminated . As you know some of the residents in Gavilan Hills are upset about the parkway, but I assume if it goes thru as proposed they will want to be able to easily use it. I believe the on/off ramp at Gavilan Road should be put back on proposal # 9 parkway for the following reasons:

For emergency response. The Fire Department that is near intersection of Gavilan Road and Cajalco would be called in case of accident/fires etc and without access at Gavilan Road/ parkway it would greatly increase their response time. Is there a Fire Department proposed for the Gavilan Hills area?

I assume without Gavilan Road access Lake Mathews Drive to Cajalco would have to be widened which would be difficult/costly to do and it would be a steep road and houses probably would have to be removed. Has public been notified of this possibility? How does staff visualize residents on Harley John, Wood Road etc areas accessing parkway?

There is a large area that would be serviced if on/off ramps were at Gavilan Road. With out it hundreds of residents would be denied easy access to partway. Most of existing population is i.n Gavilan Road/Harley John, Wood Road etc area's.

I believe county long range outlook for Gavilan Hills Road is to be a major secondary road. It goes from Cajalco Road to Highway 74 with many residents using it.

This proposed # 9 parkway will greatly impact our property (noise/view etc) and we would be better off if it did not follow # 9 route but if it is built using proposed # 9 route we would like to be able to easily use it.

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