

Cathy Bechtel
 RCTC
 Riverside, California

Dear Ms. Bechtel,

I would like to state that I believe that neither the Mid-County Parkway nor the Corona-Irvine Expressway(tunnel) should be built. I realize that the President-elect wants to inaugurate large public infrastructure projects, but these projects must not be directed at increased automobile projects. Rather they should be directed at mass transportation projects. Instead of an auto parkway, would you please suggest to the RCTC and OCTA that they build a light rail project from San Jacinto to Corona and beyond. Either adjacent to the 91 corridor or if financially possible, geologically safe, and feasible through a tunnel to Irvine and on to Anaheim. We must get away from auto transport. Light rail is one alternative. It works in Europe and can here if officials such as yourself press the transportation governing bodies to use light rail. The light rail line from San Francisco to Los Angeles and on to Anaheim should be accessed by a light rail line from San Jacinto to Irvine or Anaheim. Just imagine a light rail line trip from Perris to San Francisco. Wow! A light rail line would be much more environmentally acceptable than a six lane super highway. The establishment of extensive van pools at the various terminae of the light rail line would enable workers from Riverside to get to their work places quickly. In the meantime, Riverside should continue a campaign to attract more light industry and commercial establishment. However the transportation from RC to OC, it takes time which workers could better use to be with their families. Thanks and please be bold and consider this suggestion.

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