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Ms. Cathy Bechtel Riverside County Transportation Commission P.O. Box 12008 Riverside, CA 92502

Subject: Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Revised Section 4(f)

Evaluation for the Mid County Parkway, a New Freeway from the City of Perris

to the City of San Jacinto, Riverside County, CA

Dear Ms. Bechtel,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Section 4(f) Evaluation for the Mid-County Parkway Project, Riverside County, CA. The Department of the Interior (Department) has reviewed the document and submits these comments to you for your consideration..

Section 4(f) Evaluation Comments

Following our review of the Section 4(f) Evaluation, the Department concurs that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the proposed use of Section 4(f) properties and that all measures have been taken to minimize harm to these resources.

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We acknowledge your consultation with the SHPO and will prepare a Memorandum of Agreement to minimize adverse effects to these properties.

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We appreciate the opportunity to review this document.

Should you have questions about the Section 4(f) comments, please contact Alan Schmierer, National Park Service, Pacific West Regional Office, <u>415-623-2315</u>.

Sincerely,

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