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Cathy Bechtel
Riverside County Transportation Commission
4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor
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Mid County Parkway SCH# 2004111103

Mrs. Bechtel,

We have completed our review for the above mentioned proposal to improve west-east transportation in western Riverside County between interstate 215 in the west and State Route 79 in the east. RCTC is the lead agency under CEQA and FHWA is the lead agency under the NEPA, in cooperation with Caltrans. The project is a 16 mile transportation corridor designed to relieve local and regional traffic congestion between the cities of Perris and San Jacinto and surrounding Riverside County communities. Please refer to letters sent February 6, 2012 and also July 17, 2012.

As the owner and operator of the State Highway System (SHS), it is our responsibility to coordinate and consult with local jurisdictions when proposed development may impact our facilities. As the responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), it is also our responsibility to make recommendations to offset associated impacts with the proposed project. Although the project is under the jurisdiction of the City of Perris due to the Project's potential impact to State facilities it is also subject to the policies and regulations that govern the SHS.

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We recommend the following to be provided:

Forecasting

- Page 3.6-25: Please revise Figure 3.1.5, Recreational Trails. The figure does not match its source (Figure 3.1.6, General Plan Trails)
- Page 3.6.26-Existing (2010): Please make sure to clarify the location of tables identified under Section 4 (f) and Chapter 4 (CEQA Evaluation)
- Table 3.6.G-2020 Build: Please revise mainline volume (6562) assigned to Weirick northbound off-ramp. The AM Peak Hour volume does not match Table 6-4 (6565) in the Traffic Technical Report (February 3, 2012)
- Table 3.6.J-2040 Alternative 4 Modified: Please revise the AM Peak Hour mainline

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volume assigned to Perris WB off-ramp (3618). The information does not match Table 7-7 (3818) in the Traffic Technical Report (February 3, 2012)

- Table 3.6.L Intersection Peak-Hour LOS for Horizon 2040 Conditions: PM Peak Hour Delay (sec) assigned to Nuevo Road and A Street (22.4) and Nuevo Road and Old Nuevo Road (38.4) do not match the information provided in the Traffic Technical Report (February 3, 2012)

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We appreciate the opportunity to offer comments concerning this project. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Talvin Dennis at (909) 383-6908 or myself at (909) 383-4557 for assistance.

Sincerely,



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