
From: Cathy Bechtel
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 1:33 PM
To: 'Jonathan Evans'
Cc: 'George Hague'; 'Aruna Prabhala'
Subject: RE: Mid County Parkway DEIR/DEIS Comment Deadline

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for the clarification regarding Mr. Hague asking for the Reports on behalf of both the Sierra Club and the Center for Biological Diversity. We were not told that the Technical Reports were being obtained on behalf of both organizations. I wanted to make sure you received the information you desired.

On Friday, February 15 Mr. Hague did request and receive from Caltrans CD's of the Traffic Technical Report and the Air Quality Report. On Monday, February 18 Mr. Hague emailed me a request for a copy of the Existing plus Project Traffic Analysis Memo dated April 2012. That was provided to him on Tuesday, February 19 (our offices were closed in observance of President's Day on February 18). On Thursday, February 21 Mr. Hague emailed a request for the Natural Environmental Study (NES) and the Supplemental NES. Both of those were made available to him that same afternoon.

Hard copies of the Technical Reports have been publicly available at RCTC, Caltrans, and the Moreno Valley, Perris and San Jacinto Public Libraries since the start of the public circulation period (January 25, 2013).

Pursuant to your request, and although not legally required, the Technical Studies identified in Appendix H are being loaded on to the project website this afternoon. It is a process that will take many hours to complete. I suggest you check the website (www.midcountyparkway.org) this evening or tomorrow to view the reports.

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: Mid County Parkway DEIR/DEIS Comment Deadline

Dear Ms. Bechtel,

Thank you for your reply.

Mr. George Hague requested those studies in person on behalf of the Sierra Club and Center for Biological Diversity. I believe he was able to obtain some, but not all of the studies, at a substantial out of pocket cost for obtaining and delivering those studies. We have yet to receive all of the Appendix H studies via Mr. Hague. If all of the Appendix H studies have been provided to Mr. Hague who will provide copies for us then that will fulfill our request.

I think this further illustrates the need for an extension of the comment period in order to review and comment on the material once we have received it.

I will also provide an email to Ms. Petry at Caltrans requesting an extension of time.

Best regards,

Jonathan

From: Cathy Bechtel [<mailto:CBechtel@RCTC.org>]
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 5:24 PM
To: Jonathan Evans
Subject: RE: Mid County Parkway DEIR/DEIS Comment Deadline

Dear Mr. Evans,

We are in receipt of your request for an extension of the comment period. A response on that issue is forthcoming.

I do, however, want to note that RCTC has not received a request from the Center for Biological Diversity for copies of any studies related to the Mid County Parkway. Was that sent via mail or email? Would you please resend your request so we may provide you with the information you desire.

Thank you.
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From: Jonathan Evans [<mailto:jevans@biologicaldiversity.org>]
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Dear Ms. Bechtel,

The Center for Biological Diversity respectfully requests a 30 day extension of the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS) for the Mid County Parkway. This request is made primarily based on the incomplete status of documentation provided in the DEIR/DEIS, but is also requested due to the size and scope of the DEIR/DEIS itself.

While we appreciate the County's work to make the DEIR/DEIS available online we note that many of the technical studies upon which the DEIR/DEIS relies were not provided. Specifically over 25 studies relied upon in the DEIR/DEIS were not provided in the DEIR/DEIS Appendices, but are listed in Appendix H. Please note that the California Supreme

Court has frowned upon such an approach when the information in an EIR has not been “presented in a manner calculated to adequately inform the public and decision makers, who may not be previously familiar with the details of the project.” *Vineyard Area Citizens for Responsible Growth, Inc. v. City of Rancho Cordova*, 40 Cal. 4th 412, 442 (Cal. 2007) (finding the EIR failed to good faith reasoned analysis when studies and information was not incorporated into the EIR).

We have requested copies of the studies in Appendix H, but have not received them in our office as of yet and request adequate time to review those studies in order to make informed comments. We would further respectfully request that the County make those documents available online for all interested members of the public.

We would also like to note that the scale of this EIR/EIS is better served by a longer comment period. The public should have more time to fully address the issues and concerns in this voluminous analysis.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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