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Comments on The Riverside Mid County Parkway Project

We have lived on Evans Road for over twenty-two years. We moved to this community for a quiet rural life style where we could raise our family and our animals.

The Mid County Parkway will adversely affect our quality of life and that of our entire Perris community. Placentia is currently a dirt road where it crosses Evans Road. Changing this to a Parkway with four lanes of traffic with additional room for road shoulders for stalled vehicles, and off ramps, etc., will completely change the character of the neighborhood. Evans Road and our entire community will be bisected with an unending stream of commercial trucks and cars. It will increase air pollution and noise. And a once quiet neighborhood will be destroyed. Property values will plummet.

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There is an existing Parkway that would not destroy neighborhoods and the quality of life. It is the Ramona Expressway. With only minor improvements, it would serve the purpose of the transportation corridor and not disrupt existing neighborhoods. It has been a high-speed corridor for many years and making it into a Parkway would not change the character of the surrounding community.

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If there is a need for more people, vehicular traffic, noise and pollution streaming to San Jacinto and Hemet, this need can be easily met by improving the Ramona Expressway.

The rural nature of the Perris community with Perris Lake and its surrounding hills, meadows, and open areas is also a migration path for migratory waterfowl, bald eagles, peregrines, red-tailed hawks, kestrels, turkey vultures, and important song birds.

We strongly oppose bringing this Parkway along Placentia Avenue through Perris. Money, time, disruption of neighborhoods, and the rural nature of this area would be much better served by using the existing Ramona Expressway. Costs would be reduced using the existing Ramona

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Expressway, and all the natural attributes of Perris would be preserved, including those families who enjoy a rural life style.

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Thank you

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