

GREATER LAKE MATHEWS RURAL TRAILS ASSOCIATION

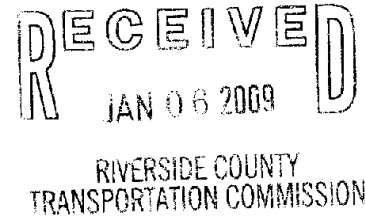
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The Greater Lake Mathews Rural Trails Association (GLMRTA) was formed in 1988 for the purpose of working with the County and developers to promote riding and hiking trails and the equestrian lifestyle in our rural area. Currently, we have approximately 100 memberships, of which 60 percent are family memberships. Because of our focus on trails and horse keeping, this communication will refer to proposed trails and equestrian facilities within the subject draft EIR.

Our concerns are for the protection of parks, trails, and staging areas that will be crossed by the proposed Mid-County Parkway as follows:

1. The parkway will come close to the Harford Springs Reserve in Gavilan Hills. What are the plans for protecting the park which is home to many species of plants and animals, and is an area used frequently by horse back riders, hikers, and bicyclists?
2. There are regional and community trails on the Riverside County General Plan map that traverse the area from Mockingbird Canyon, Woodcrest, and Mead Valley up to Harford Springs Reserve and Gavilan Hills. What is planned for those trails to cross under the proposed parkway?
3. There are proposed staging areas for horse trailer parking on the Watt Development off the relocated Gavilan Road and on the Belle Meadows development adjacent to Lake Mathews Drive. These staging areas will provide access to the trails adjacent to Harford Springs Reserve and to the regional and community trails off Lake Mathews drive, respectively. What will be done to protect those staging areas from being eliminated because of the proposed parkway?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Doty".

Mark Doty, President

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