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From: Cathy Bechtel <CBechtel@RCTC.org>
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 1:37 PM
To: Sue Nash
Subject: RE: Mid County Parkway DEIR/DEIS Comment Deadline

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Dear Ms. Nash,

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

I wanted to let you know that 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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From: Sue Nash [<mailto:snash22@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 5:38 PM
To: Cathy Bechtel
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Dear Ms. Bechtel,

The Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley attended the open house meeting last night and spoke to you about several concerns we had regarding the cutting off of Davis Road at the Mid County Parkway (MCP). The maps you showed us indicate the MCP will block the only public access to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area [Davis Road].

The Friends respectfully requests, for this and other reasons, 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 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.

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In addition, many of the Technical studies upon which the DEIR/DEIS relies were not provided. Over 25 studies relied upon in the DEIR/DEIS were not provided in the DEIR/Appendixes, but are listed in Appendix H. 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

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public and decision makers, who may not previously familiar with the details of the project." *Vineyard Area Citizens for Responsible Growth, Inc. v. City of Rancho Cordova* (2007) 40 Cal. 4th 412, 442, (finding the EIR failed to provide a good faith reasoned analysis when studies and information was not incorporated into the EIR).

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We respectfully request the County make those documents available online for all interested members of the public.

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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