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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

March 13, 2013

Ms. Cathy Bechtel
Riverside County Transportation Commission
PO Box 12008
Riverside, CA 92502

Dear Ms. Bechtel:

The City of Perris is pleased to provide this letter in response to RCTC's recirculation of the Draft EIR/EIS for the Mid County Parkway project. The Mid County Parkway is a key project for the City – there is no community where it will have a greater impact. It will greatly enhance regional accessibility for both residents and employers in our City, and we look forward to its completion in future years.

As you know, the City of Perris has been actively involved in the planning process for this freeway facility over many years. As discussed in the DEIR, the City selected its locally preferred alternative in 2011. The Perris City Council unanimously selected Alternative 9 as the locally preferred alternative. Of the alternatives currently under consideration, this one has several advantages to the City. One particular advantage is that the depressed vertical alignment has the least impact in terms of dividing the City into two halves north and south of the freeway. Also important was that Alternative 9 avoids both permanent and construction impacts to Ramona Expressway within the City.

There were several concerns expressed by the City Council when the locally preferred alternative was adopted, and as such they placed some conditions on their selection. The conditions were as follows:

- The interchange at I-215 and Placentia Avenue shall be made a part of the MCP project, and constructed as part of the initial phase of the MCP.
- Construction of the MCP shall begin at the I-215 in Perris, and widening of I-215 between Nuevo and Van Buren shall be completed at the same time (if not already done)
- RCTC shall continue the planning process for a CETAP corridor between I-15 and I-215, specifically evaluating the feasibility of the Ethanac/Hwy 74 corridor.

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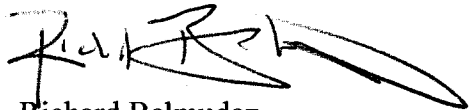
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These conditions can be found in full in the Council's resolution declaring their preferred alternative (attached to this letter).

Once constructed, the Mid County Parkway will be an historic project for RCTC and the City of Perris. It will be the most significant infrastructure project built in Perris thus far in the 21st Century, and will certainly portend a bright future for our growing region.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the MCP project. We look forward to its successful completion in the coming years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Belmudez', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Richard Belmudez
City Manager

Attachment: Resolution Number 4428

cc: Habib Motlagh, City Engineer

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4428

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PERRIS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF
CALIFORNIA, SELECTING ALTERNATIVE 9 OF THE MID
COUNTY PARKWAY AS THE LOCALLY PREFERRED
ALTERNATIVE**

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Perris ("City") recognizes the need to accommodate the growing regional east-west movement of traffic between and through San Jacinto and Perris that is due in part to the substantial population and employment growth in western Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that the Riverside County Transportation Commission ("RCTC") has designated a study area for the proposed Mid-County Parkway, which encompasses an area north and south of the existing roadway known as Ramona Expressway between San Jacinto and Perris; and

WHEREAS, RCTC has proposed several alternate alignments of the Mid-County Parkway within the study area and the Perris City Limits; and

WHEREAS, RCTC has requested that affected local agencies select a preferred alternative for the Mid County Parkway, to indicate support for the project and to encourage project awareness; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2004, the City of Perris adopted Resolution Number 3333, formally designating the "North Perris Alignment" as the preferred alternative for the future Mid County Parkway within the City of Perris; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2006, the City of Perris rescinded Resolution Number 3333 via Resolution 3767, and since that date there has been no locally preferred alternative in place; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has studied the alternatives currently under consideration by RCTC, which have been given both numerical and geographical titles as follows: Alternative 4 (North Perris/Drain), Alternative 5 (South Perris/Rider), and Alternative 9 (Placentia); and

WHEREAS, Alternative 9 (Placentia) has many benefits to the City of Perris, including construction of an interchange at Placentia & I-215, early implementation of I-215 widening between Nuevo Road and Van Buren Blvd., and minimization of impacts to Ramona Expressway during and after construction;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference..
2. The City Council hereby designates the Alternative 9 (Placentia) for the Mid County Parkway as the locally preferred alignment within the City limits.
3. The City Council finds that Alternative 9, while the preferred alternative, does have some points of concern for the City. To address these concerns, the City has requested that RCTC do the following:

RCTC shall include the environmental documents and design for freeway connection at I-215 and Placentia Interchange for interim and ultimate conditions.

Construction of the Mid County Parkway shall commence in the City of Perris and shall include construction of the interchange at Placentia and widening of I-215 between Van Buren and Nuevo then continue easterly and no other segments east of City of Perris shall be completed prior to completion of this work.

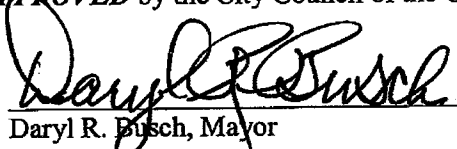
RCTC shall take an active role to re-establish the CETAP corridor between I-15 and I-215, specifically to investigate the feasibility of an Ethanac Corridor.

Construction of over-crossings at Indian Avenue and Perris Blvd. per City's General Plan. Such crossings shall include for pedestrians and bicyclists.


Frontage Road shall be maintained or reconstructed to provide access from Ramona Expressway to Nuevo Road.

Drainage improvements shall be constructed according to adopted Master Drainage Plans. Any adjustments or modifications to Master Plans required to accommodate the MCP shall be funded by MCP/RCTC.

ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Perris this 28th day of June, 2011.


Daryl R. Busch, Mayor

Attest:


Judy Haughney, C.M.C., City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF PERRIS)

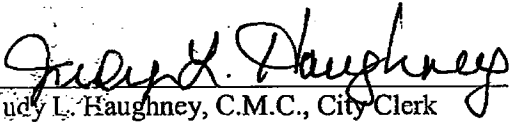
I, Judy L. Haughney, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution Number 4428 was duly and regularly
adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting held the 28th day of
June, 2011, by the following called vote:

AYES: EVANS, ROGERS, YARBROUGH, LANDERS, BUSCH

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:


Judy L. Haughney, C.M.C., City Clerk