Mid County Parkway

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
AND SECTION 4(F) EVALUATION
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Federal Highway Administration,
the State of California Department of Transportation
and the
Riverside County Transportation Commission

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

What's in this document?
Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with, have prepared this Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) which examines the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives being considered for the proposed Mid County Parkway project located in western Riverside County, California. FHWA is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), RCTC is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and Caltrans is providing oversight for the NEPA process. The document describes why the project is being proposed, alternatives for the project including identification of a locally preferred alternative, the existing environment that could be affected by the project, the impacts from each of the alternatives, and the proposed avoidance, minimization and/or mitigation measures. After the construction of the Mid County Parkway, Caltrans will be given the opportunity to become the owner/operator of the facility; therefore, Caltrans has also provided design oversight to ensure Caltrans standards are implemented. Local jurisdictions will be the owners of the MCP project until such time as it is accepted by the State as a State Highway.

What you should do:
- Please read this Draft EIR/EIS. Additional copies of this document as well as the technical studies are available for review at the following locations.

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Submit comments via email to: www.midcountyparkway.org.
Submit comments by the deadline: December 8, 2008.

What happens next:
After comments are received from the public and reviewing agencies, FHWA, Caltrans, and RCTC may undertake additional environmental and/or engineering studies. A Final EIR/EIS will be circulated; the Final EIR/EIS will include responses to comments received on the Draft EIR/EIS. Following circulation of the Final EIR/EIS, if the decision is made to approve the project, a Notice of Determination will be published for compliance with CEQA and a Record of Decision will be published for compliance with NEPA. If the project is given environmental approval and funding is appropriated, FHWA, Caltrans, and RCTC could design and construct all or part of the project.

For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document can be made available in alternate formats. To obtain a copy in an alternate format, please call (951) 787-7141 or write to: Ms. Cathy Bechtel, RCTC, 4080 Lemon Street 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 12008, Riverside, CA 92502-2208.

It should be noted that at a future date FHWA or another federal agency may publish a notice in the Federal Register, pursuant to 23 USC Section 139(l), indicating that a final action has been taken on this project by FHWA or another federal agency. If such notice is published, a lawsuit or other legal claim will be barred unless it is filed within 180 days after the date of publication of the notice (or within such shorter time period as is specified in the Federal laws pursuant to which judicial review of the federal agency action is allowed). If no notice is published, then the lawsuit or claim can be filed as long as the periods of time provided by other Federal laws that govern claims are met.
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Mid County Parkway, a transportation highway from the City of San Jacinto in the east to the City of Corona in the west.

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Submitted Pursuant to: (State) Division 13, California Public Resources Code (Federal) 42 USC 4332(2)(C) and 49 USC 303

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THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES:
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County of Riverside,
City of Corona,
City of Perris, and
City of San Jacinto

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Abstract: The Mid County Parkway project will provide a transportation highway that will effectively and efficiently accommodate regional east-west movement of people and goods between and through the cities of San Jacinto, Perris, and Corona. Potential benefits from future implementation include increased accessibility for residents and businesses and relieving traffic congestion on the regional and local transportation network. Key issues include impacts to community character and cohesion, land use, growth-related effects, biological resources, aquatic resources, cultural resources, aesthetics, park lands, open space, residential relocations, business relocations, traffic noise, and temporary construction effects.

If you have any comments regarding the proposed Mid County Parkway project, please send your written comments by December 8, 2008, to Ms. Cathy Bechtel, Riverside County Transportation Commission at the above address.

1 Caltrans is acting in the role of assisting FHWA (by providing oversight for NEPA).
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