ATTACHMENT J-2

RESPONSE LETTERS ON NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP),
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RESPONSES TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NOP

This attachment contains the following responses to the 2007 Supplemental Notice of Preparation:

Responses from County Agencies

- County of Los Angeles Fire Department (September 12, 2006, 2 pages)
- Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (August 13, 2007, 1 page)
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Ms. Cathy Bechtel  
Riverside County Transportation Commission  
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Dear Ms. Bechtel:

NOTICE OF PREPARATION, SUPPLEMENTAL NOP OF AN EIR AND EIS FOR THE MIDDLE COUNTY PARKWAY PROJECT, SCH #2004111103, "RIVERSIDE" (FFER #200700197)

The Notice of Preparation has been reviewed by the Planning Division, Land Development Unit, and Forestry Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. The following are their comments:

LAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT:

1. This project is located entirely in the County of Riverside; therefore the Riverside County Fire Department (Cal Fire) and various city fire departments in which portions of this project might fall within their jurisdiction will be setting conditions. This project is located in close proximity to the jurisdictional area of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. However, this project is unlikely to have an impact that necessitates a comment concerning general requirements from the Land Development Unit of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department.
FORESTRY DIVISION – OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

1. The statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division include erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones or Fire Zone 4, archeological and cultural resources, and the County Oak Tree Ordinance. Potential impacts in these areas should be addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Report.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (323) 890-4330.

Very truly yours,

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JOHN R. TODD, CHIEF, FORESTRY DIVISION
PREVENTION SERVICES BUREAU

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Dear Ms. Bechtel:

Re: Supplemental Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Mid County Parkway Project

This letter is written in response to the Supplemental Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Mid County Parkway Corridor Project. The proposed project consists of the construction of a roadway from Interstate 15 on the west to State Route 79 on the east. The roadway will extend through the cities of Corona, Perris, and San Jacinto within western Riverside County, California.

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District has the following comment/concern that should be addressed in the DEIR:

The proposed project is located within the District's Lake Mathews, Mead Valley, Perris Valley, San Jacinto River, Lakeview, Nuevo and San Jacinto Valley Master Drainage Plan (MDP) boundaries. When fully implemented, these MDP facilities will provide flood protection to relieve those areas within the MDP boundary of the most serious flooding problems and will provide adequate drainage outlets. The DEIR should address potential impacts to proposed facilities within the project area. To obtain more information on the MDPs, please contact Mark Wills of the District's Planning Section at 951.955.1345.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Supplemental Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report. Please forward any subsequent environmental documents regarding the project to my attention at this office. Any further questions concerning this letter may be referred to Art Diaz at 951.955.4543 or me at 951.955.1233.

Very truly yours,

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Senior Civil Engineer

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