

Mid County Parkway

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RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND REVISED DRAFT SECTION 4(F) EVALUATION VOLUME I OF II



Prepared by the
U.S. Department of Transportation
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?

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have prepared this Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which examines the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives being considered for the proposed Mid County Parkway (MCP) 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), in cooperation with Caltrans. The document tells you why the project is being proposed, what alternatives we have considered for the project, how the existing environment could be affected by the project, the potential 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 document.
- Additional copies of it, as well as the technical studies we relied on in preparing it, are available for review at the following locations:

Caltrans District 8
464 West 4th Street
San Bernardino, CA 92401

RCTC
4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

Federal Highway Administration
650 Capitol Mall, Suite 4-100
Sacramento, CA 95814-4708

Perris Public Library
163 E. San Jacinto Avenue
Perris, CA 92570

San Jacinto Public Library
500 Idyllwild Drive
San Jacinto, CA 92583

Moreno Valley Public Library
25480 Alessandro Boulevard
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

The Recirculated Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS is also available for review on the Internet at:
www.midcountyparkway.org.

- We would like to hear what you think. If you have any comments regarding the MCP project, please attend the public hearing on February 20, 2013, and/or send your written comments to RCTC by the deadline.
- Submit comments via postal mail to:

Ms. Cathy Bechtel
Riverside County Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 12008
Riverside, CA 92502
- Submit comments via email to www.midcountyparkway.org.
- Submit comments by the deadline: March 11, 2013.

What happens next:

After comments are received from the public and reviewing agencies, FHWA and RCTC may: (1) give environmental approval to the MCP project, (2) do additional environmental studies, or (3) abandon the project. If the project is given environmental approval and funding is appropriated, 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, P.O. Box 12008, Riverside, CA 92502.

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Mid County Parkway, a new freeway from the City of Perris in the west to the City of San Jacinto in the east.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Highway Administration, and
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Transportation, and
THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

COOPERATING AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES:
California Department of Fish and Game,
California Public Utilities Commission,
County of Riverside,
City of Perris, and
City of San Jacinto

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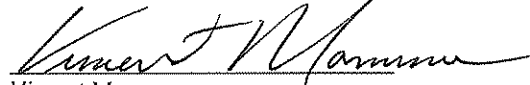
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Abstract: The Mid County Parkway project will provide a new freeway that will effectively and efficiently accommodate regional west-east movement of people and goods between and through the cities of San Jacinto and Perris. Potential benefits from future implementation include increased accessibility for residents and businesses and the relief of traffic congestion on the regional and local transportation network. Key issues include impacts to community character and cohesion, growth-related effects, biological resources, aquatic resources, cultural resources, aesthetics, 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 March 11, 2013, to Ms. Cathy Bechtel, Riverside County Transportation Commission at the above address.

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