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Mr. Brad Hudson
City Manager
City of Riverside
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522

Subject: Mid County Parkway

Dear Mr. Hudson:

We appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and your staff today to discuss the city's concerns about the proposed refocusing of the Mid County Parkway (MCP) project. It is clear from our discussions that we have mutual concerns regarding project approvals, phasing and funding. I am hopeful that these concerns can be addressed through both policy and project decisions.

Many of the issues will be evaluated in depth over the next 18 months and we are committed to working with the city to ensure the impacts are adequately identified and addressed through the environmental process. In addition, we propose to provide the following policy recommendations to the Commission for its consideration.

1. RCTC will prioritize up to \$7 million in Regional Arterial, TUMF or federal funds to the County of Riverside for the preparation of the environmental document for the Cajalco Road widening. Due to limited funding sources, the project will have to be eligible for federal funding and remain in the TUMF backbone network.
2. RCTC, in conjunction with the county and corridor cities, will prepare a phasing plan for the MCP (east of Interstate 215) and Cajalco Road (between Interstates 15 and 215) that ensures equitable allocation of discretionary Regional Arterial and TUMF funding for each. Improvements will also be staged to enhance traffic capacity for each. The phasing and staging plans will be based on the assumption that the State Route 91 Corridor Improvement Project (CIP) is under construction or completed. The SR-91 CIP increases capacity on SR-91 from the SR-241 to Pierce Street and on I-15 from Hidden Valley Parkway to Cajalco Road. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2012 and the project also includes improvements at the SR-91/I-15 interchange.

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3. RCTC will consider re-initiation of the CETAP corridor analysis between the I-215 and I-15, if the Cajalco Road project is not environmentally approved. RCTC will work cooperatively with the county to provide appropriate documentation as necessary.

We hope the above establishes our commitment to working with the city to allow for improved traffic conditions in this region. We are confident that our collaboration will ensure that we address congestion in Riverside County as effectively as possible with the limited resources available. We are available to meet again to discuss further. Please call me at 951-787-7141 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Mayer', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Anne Mayer
Executive Director

cc: RCTC Commissioners