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Subject: Ideal location for California Transportation Plan CTP 2040

CalTrans Office of State Planning
Chris Ratekin,

On April 7, 2015 I submitted 6 pages of comments about an ideal location for a Metrolink station between Riverside and San Bernardino.

It was titled "California Transportation Plan CTP 2040, Highgrove Metrolink station needed".

After more than 14 years, (Resolution dated Nov. 27, 2001), it is time for your State agency to intervene and consider what is the best solution in addressing the transportation needs of the Inland Empire. A Metrolink station at Highgrove, on Riverside County Transportation Commission's excess property, has been supported for many years in writing from both sides of the county line and will serve commuters on the existing Metrolink, **Inland Empire Orange County line**, between Riverside County and San Bernardino County. This location is only ½ mile from the Center St. exit of the I-215 freeway.

All that is needed is a parking lot on RCTC's vacant land at Highgrove next to the existing BNSF track where daily Metrolink trains now operate in both directions between the 2 counties. New residents are now living in some of the 1,409 new homes that are being built in the Spring Mountain Ranch project only 1 mile east of the Highgrove location. RCTC has been the only one opposed to this location but our Congressman, 2 State Senators, and the public from both counties, agree that Highgrove is the best location for a Metrolink station to reduce freeway traffic. Please look at the map and information on our web site, scroll to the right for a conceptual map and look at "8 years of comments" and a short video made on Feb. 11, 2009. Then go to "Supporting Docs" at the top and click on each document. You will see the original document and look at the date!

Please re-read the information I sent on April 7, 2016. This location needs to be given the attention it deserves. The Riverside County Transportation Commission should not be allowed to continue to prevent their unneeded vacant land from becoming a parking lot for transportation purposes.

I invite you and/or members of your staff to come to this location and see why the California Transportation Plan is so important to the Region.

Thank you,

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