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Mr. Khalid Bazmi  
City of Corona  
400 S. Vicentia Ave.  
Corona, CA 92882

Dear Mr. Bazmi:

Re: Notice of Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report for Foothill Parkway  
Westerly Extension Project

The California Department of Transportation (Department) have completed the evaluation of the proposed Foothill Parkway Westerly Extension Project located in the southern portion of the City of Corona along the base of the Santa Ana Mountains and east of State Route 91 (SR-91).

As a result of our preliminary review, the following information outlines our initial concerns with the proposed project:

1. In order to properly assess the potential impacts to SR 91 and the regional transportation system, please complete a Traffic Impact Study. Within the study, please account for and address the cumulative impacts of other proposed developments generated by the extension of Foothill Parkway.
2. Other roadway improvements and modes of travel should be planned to offset the increased traffic as a result of this improvement coupled with other proposed development.

The Department is committed in working with the city of Corona in improving mobility and promoting economic vitality within the region. Should you have any concerns regarding the information contained in this letter, please do not hesitate to coordinate with Milele Robertson at 909.383.6367 or me at 909.383.6040.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathaniel H. Pickett".

Nathaniel H. Pickett

Office Chief

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