

November 9, 2006

Highgrove Metro Link Station

Riverside County Transportation Commission
4080 Lemon St.
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Attn: Chairman Marion Ashley

San Bernardino Associated
Governments 1170W 3rd St.
San Bernardino, CA
Attn: Chairman Dennis Hansburger

Dear Gentlemen:

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE REPRESENTATION

I attended my first Riverside County Transportation Commission meeting on November 9, 2006 and I was so impressed with how really large the board was. It shows how large of a ~county Riverside is. And how many people live here, with just one person to represent all the cities they really have a big responsibility.

As I was waiting for my time to address the Riverside County Transportation Commission on the subject of supporting a Metro Link Station in Highgrove I was able to observe them in action. Very interesting, but I have some concerns that "with some of the commissioners, they were not listening to our voice. My biggest concern was with Mr. Eric Hayley. I have never met this man or even heard him speak but he made me think, why is he .so against this? Is he mad at someone, or something? It seemed like he wants to shut this idea down without even trying to view the possibilities.

I know I sound like a broken record, but this Metro Link Station is just too big of a good idea just to toss out. We all know its going to cost a lot of money and why worry about who owns the land at this point. It really needs to be looked into seriously and without bias.. Riverside and San Bernardino are growing too much to fast and just putting this on the back burner and let this pass by will not help the public transportation issues.

The outcome of this issue was that the Riverside County Transportation Commission will meet with the San Bernardino Associated Governments. To represent the people from Riverside County on this matter is to be Eric Hayley, after hearing him speak, seeing his actions I'm afraid that he is not informed enough to present this issue unbiased and will not speak seriously about it.

So I am asking that you please invite Mr. Barney Barnett of Highgrove, to speak about the Highgrove Metro Link Station to the San Bernardino Associated Government when they meet with the Riverside County Transportation Commission and to all future meetings. By doing this Mr. Barney Barnett can answer questions and keep other supportive groups informed.

Sincerely,



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