

2009 Draft IS/MND Public Issues

In 2009, a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) was prepared for the project and circulated for public comment. Comments were received, but a Final IS/MND to address those comments was not published.

In recognition that comments were made on the Draft IS/MND, this EIR contains a table of those comments. Public comments are arranged by topical issue and location within this EIR is provided to direct the reader to where the issue is addressed. As noted in the EIR, a new 45-day public comment period will be announced and initiated by RCTC. Specific comments received during this new comment period will be addressed in the Final EIR.

Table 1.0
2009 Draft IS/MND Public Issues

| Topical Issue of Comments | Reference Section in EIR |
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| Station Selection Issues: | |
| Station Relocation- Palmyrita to Highgrove | 2.4.3 |
| Future Stations (Fair Isle and Ramona) lack details | 2.4.2 |
| Eliminate the UCR station | No discussion included |
| Agriculture Issues: | |
| Conversion of Prime Farmland should be considered a 'significant' impact (not less than significant) | 4.2.4 |
| Air Quality Issues: | |
| Inhaling particulates from diesel exhaust | 4.3.4 |
| Biology Issues: | |
| Impacts to wildlife | 4.4.4 |
| Geology Issues: | |
| No mention of the fault at Valencia Hill Drive and Watkins Drive | 4.6.1 |
| Hazards Issues: | |
| Freight carrying hazardous materials | 4.7.4 |
| Leaks and spills of hazardous materials on tracks | 4.7.1 |
| Noise Issues: | |
| Train Noise (whistles, bell, engine, etc.) | 4.10.1 |
| Sound walls DO NOT mitigate | 4.10.5 |
| Sound walls obstruct residents' views | 4.10.5 |
| Quiet Zones | 4.10.1 |
| Construction Noise | 4.10.4 |
| Freight Issues: | |
| Improved tracks lead to an increase in freight shipment | 2.4.12 |
| Increased freight with MARCH and commercial developments planned along the corridor | 2.4.12 |
| Maintenance Issues: | |
| Railroad maintenance (trash and landscape) | 2.4.11, 4.1.4, 4.12.4 |
| Traffic Issues: | |
| Traffic congestion in residential areas | 4.11.4 |
| Shuttles & Buses from other stations | 4.11.1 |
| Station Parking Size/Info (provide more detail) | 4.11.1 |
| Watkins Crosswalk/ UCR traffic and parking/Blaine Crosswalk | 4.11.1 (No discussion included for crosswalks) |

**Table 1.0
2004 Draft EA Public Issues (continued)**

| Topical Issue of Comments | Reference Section in EIR |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Justify Revisions 4,350 Cars per Day | 4.11.4 |
| Moreno Valley/March Field Station traffic only associated from the east (analysis does not consider impacts from additional intersections); signal optimization retiming needs to occur after commencement of operations | 4.11.1 |
| Baseline analysis period (2011 w/o project) includes approved projects only shows cumulative impacts, recommend an analysis of Existing Volumes plus Ambient Growth without and with the project to identify direct impacts. | 4.11.4 |
| Meridian Parkway traffic analysis not sufficient should install traffic signal | 4.11.4 |
| Planning Issues: | |
| Cost of project value (related to STIP and PD/ purpose and need) | 3.3 |
| Not cost effective (Cost of Gas vs. Ridership) | 3.3.3 |
| Student use of PVL (Ridership) data is flawed, not procured from the University | |
| Parking in Neighborhoods | 7.12 |
| Diminish Property Value | 4.14 (Historic property value) |
| Grade separations/crossings | 4.3.4, 4.7.4, 4.10.4, 4.11.4 |
| Bus Rapid Transit | 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 |
| Train Schedule is inadequate | 2.4.10 |
| Public Safety Issues: | |
| Inadequate emergency access | 4.7.4 |
| Derailment concerns: high pressure fuel line, freight shipments of hazardous materials, and school proximity) | 4.7.4 |
| UCR station early arrivals provide inadequate shelter and safety until campus opens | 7.14 |
| School proximity to railroad: Safety and Health concerns (air quality, noise, crossings, and derailment) | 2.4.13, 4.3.4, 4.7.4 |
| Improved tracks with faster trains | 2.4.1, 2.4.14 |
| Earth berm near school location to mitigate debris and derailment concerns | No discussion included. |
| Water Quality Issues: | |
| Stream restoration and enhancements should be in excess to its "pre-construction condition" which was outlined in the mitigation. | 4.4.5 |
| Certifications from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board are also required for impacts to placing structures in the 100-year flood plain. | 4.8.2 |
| Should identify on large-scale maps where impacts to water quality standards are likely to occur within the channels. | 4.8.4 |
| Should include any jurisdictional wetland delineation that has been completed in appendix | 4.4.4 |
| Draft IS/MND Analysis | |
| Analysis Provided Insufficient | ES 1.0, 1.4 |