



CITY OF BRAWLEY

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October 30, 1996

Tim Vasquez, Chief
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CALTRANS District 11
P.O. Box 85406
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Subject: NOP Hwy. 78/111 Bypass

Dear Mr. Vasquez:

Staff and I are very pleased to see that the environmental review is underway for the proposed project. The fact sheet for the Brawley Bypass clearly shows the need for this project. If there is anything that staff or I can do to facilitate the completion of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Furthermore, if there is any way that staff or I can help expedite the process, please let me know. In addition to the overall goals stated on the fact sheet, staff and I believe that the proposed bypass will also increase the safety of pedestrian/vehicular traffic within the City, and should facilitate our economic development efforts.

The point of contact for the City of Brawley is Patrick Murphy, Management Assistant, 400 Main Street, Brawley, CA 92227.

Attached is a copy of the City of Brawley's guidelines to implement CEQA which should answer your questions regarding Brawley's environmental review requirements.

The following are comments on the NOP:

1. On September 25, 1996, information was given to Tina Robinson and Suzanne Lahitte of CALTRANS regarding future projects etc. which may be affected by this Hwy. Bypass.
2. Per the request of Ms. Lahitte and Ms. Robinson, staff is formulating mitigation measures to alleviate existing/future traffic congestion problems.
3. Staff and I look forward to meeting with you at an individual scoping meeting to discuss the proposed EIR. Specifically, we would like to discuss:

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- a. Future intersections with Highways 78 and 111
 - b. Alternative Mitigation Measures (re: traffic congestion)
 - c. Current Hwy. 111 4 lane project
 - d. Ways to expedite Hwy. 78/111 Bypass
 - e. Signalized intersections (ie: Shank/Hwy. Bypass)
 - f. Timeline for inter-changes (acquisition of r.o.w.)
 - g. What will happen to existing Hwy 78 and Hwy 111 within City limits?
 - h. Placement of utility lines over bridge over the New River.
4. The City would like to be advised when the historic property study is complete.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (619) 344-8622.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Murphy
Management Assistant

- c: Jerry Santillan, City Manager
Francisco Soto, Building Official
Janet Smith, City Clerk
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