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Mid-Coast Comments  
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Subject: Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Scoping Comments

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter includes my comments for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project purpose and need, alternatives, and issues to be studied in the environmental document.

There is a need for additional mass transit alternatives in the University City area. Improving access to transit in our neighborhoods will improve quality of life, reduce our impact on the environment, and facilitate economic development. The population of the University Community is projected to grow considerably in the next two decades, and in order to avoid gridlock on our streets we must develop a mass transit system that is efficient, green, and attractive to riders. The Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project will help meet these needs.

I support the selection of LRT 1 (I-5 to UCSD to UTC) as the preferred alternative for environmental study, and the deletion of LRT 3 (Rose Canyon to UTC to UCSD) from further consideration. There is broad community consensus for LRT 1, which will ensure community support for the project and improve chances for Federal funding. There is strong community opposition to LRT 3. LRT 1 avoids impacts to Rose Canyon Open Space Park, whereas LRT 3 would have huge, unmitigable impacts. Finally, LRT 1 is also the most cost effective alternative presented, whereas LRT 3 is the least cost effective light rail alternative presented.

The environmental document should include, but not be limited to, study of the following impacts: noise, visual, environmental, property, parking, air quality, aesthetic, and traffic (including the construction phases).

If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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