

June 23, 2006  
Supervisor Marion Ashley  
Chairman  
Riverside County Transportation Commission  
4080 Lemon St.  
Riverside, Ca. 92502

Dear Supervisor Ashley,

Renewed interest in a Highgrove Metrolink station has again come to our attention here in Grand Terrace. It has been several years since our Grand Terrace City Council first endorsed the location in Highgrove for a station stop and the new week-end trains are a very welcome addition.

A Metrolink stop in Highgrove would prevent us from having to drive to San Bernardino or Riverside to board the commuter trains and the idea of being able to ride to San Bernardino for additional destinations between San Bernardino and Los Angeles or to Riverside, Orange County, or the beach, from nearby Highgrove, is a benefit that will be appreciated by many of the residents of our city. It would also help alleviate some of the anticipated traffic problems through Grand Terrace associated with the new homes to be built in the Spring Mountain Ranch Project.

I have been very active in the City of Grand Terrace and first served as Mayor Pro-Tem in 1980 and 1981. In 1982 I was elected Mayor of Grand Terrace and served consecutive terms as Mayor for the next 14 years until 1996.

I think the commuter trains will gain even more popularity in the near future as our area continues to experience rapid growth and our freeway systems become more and more congested. Proper planning is essential in being able to handle these future transportation needs and I hope the new Highgrove Station will be approved soon, to help alleviate some of these ongoing traffic problems.

Sincerely yours,



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