

Riverside City Council Member

March 21, 2006

Dear Dom Betro,

Please set aside the 35 acres shown on the accompanying map for a future Metrolink Station and Transportation Center. This location is in the Hunter Business Park area between the BNSF railroad main line that runs between Riverside and San Bernardino, and the Perris Valley Line that runs between Highgrove and San Jacinto.

This important location is ideal because the west side of the property is bordered by railroad tracks that currently have 8 commuter trains that go past this location without stopping because there is no station, and the east side of the property that is bordered by railroad tracks already owned by the Riverside County Transportation Commission for the Perris Valley Line.

If the City of Riverside is planning for the year 2025, it is important to realize now that this city owned property should be reserved for future transportation uses instead of allowing more large buildings to be built. A Metrolink station, park and ride and bus service and a new road is needed to accommodate the future growth of the area where grading is currently underway for 2,100 new homes. In addition, other developers are planning new construction of businesses and homes where citrus groves used to flourish. There are resolutions of support from Highgrove, Grand Terrace and Loma Linda for a Metrolink station in Highgrove. Also, the members of the University Neighborhood Association in Canyon Crest agree that they do not want a station stop at UCR or Spruce and Watkins in their community but prefer a station in Highgrove.

The boundaries of the Hunter Park location mentioned above are: Villa St. on the north, Citrus St. on the south, the Perris Valley Line Railroad on the east and the BNSF Railroad on the west.

Please include this area as a Metrolink Station and Transportation Center in the 2025 General Plan.

Thank you,



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