

Letter I7

LILAC HILLS RANCH
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DRAFT REVISED EIR PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD
June 12, 2014 through July 28, 2014

DRAFT EIR COMMENT SHEET

Tuesday, June 17, 2014
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Planning & Development Services
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 310
San Diego, CA 92123

WRITTEN COMMENT FORM

*Without significant road (widening old and
constructing new) and bridge improvements Lilac Hills Ranch
Project should not be approved. In times of disaster
gridlock is guaranteed. Pipes + lines under Circle R? Oh, my!
Air pollution, particularly with people with breathing
problems is of particular concern as is the destruction of
existing agriculture and the destruction of natural
habitat.*

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(Attach additional pages as needed)

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COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM, JULY 28, 2014

17-1 The project includes multiple road improvements both as design features and required as mitigation measures. Specifically, as detailed in subchapter 1.2.1.4, the project includes the construction of a number of off-site roadway improvements to several roadway segments in the project's vicinity. These improvements include the widening, repaving, and restriping of portions of the following existing roadways:

- West Lilac Road
- Covey Lane
- Rodriguez Road
- Mountain Ridge Road

Additionally, the project includes the following intersection improvements:

- Installation of traffic lights at the following intersections: Gopher Canyon Road and I-15 ramps; Highway 395 and Circle R Drive; Highway 395 and West Lilac Road, Highway 395 and East Dulin Road, and Miller Road and Valley Center Road.
- Dedicated right-turn lanes at the westbound Gopher Canyon Road approach and the northbound East Vista Way approach to East Vista Way/Gopher Canyon Road intersection.

Intermittent turn lanes at major access locations along Lilac Road from Old Castle Road to Anthony Road including the segment between Robles Lane and Cumbres Road, and the intersection of Sierra Rojo Road and Lilac Road. The project does not include the widening of the West Lilac bridge; however, improvements will be made to accommodate projected traffic including paving, restriping, installation of a traffic signal at Old Highway 395 and West Lilac Road including construction of a left-turn lane at the westbound West Lilac Road approach to Old Highway 395 and West Lilac Road. This portion of West Lilac Road would be improved to meet the General Plan Mobility Element classification 2.2C, subject to exceptions as approved by the County (M-TR-4).

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RESPONSE

Widening the bridge is not proposed as it would require tremendous engineering and coordination efforts by multiple jurisdictions including the County and Caltrans. Bridge widening would also be infeasible under CEQA due to engineering issues, and due to costs. Therefore, it is not considered a feasible option for inclusion in the project.

Gridlock and congestion at the West Lilac bridge in the event of an emergency would be minimized by the proposed bridge improvements discussed above and intersection improvements at West Lilac Road and Old Highway 395. West Lilac Road would be improved to meet the General Plan Mobility Element classification 2.2C and none of the exception requests for this segment of West Lilac Road would affect roadway capacity because they do not modify the required width of travel lanes. The exception requests in this location affect shoulder and parkway widths, not the actual drivable portion of the road. As a result of these mitigation measures, and as demonstrated in the Traffic Study, congestion at the I-15 bridge crossing are not expected.

Impacts related to biological resources, agricultural resources, and air quality are evaluated in Chapter 2 of the FEIR. Mitigation measures have been incorporated to minimize significant impacts. The impacts of off-site improvements such as undergrounding of utilities in Circle R Drive are analyzed within each relevant subject area chapter. The comment will be included as part of the record and made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the proposed project.