

I-356 Natalie Shapiro

I-356-1 The County acknowledges the comment as an introduction to comments that follow. This comment is included in the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project. No further response is required or necessary.

I-356-2 The comment states there is habitat fragmentation from the proposed Project which impacts existing wildlife movement corridors. The comment states the project Site is one of two remaining large area of undeveloped land west of I-15 within the Pre-Approved Mitigation Area (PAMA) of the Draft North County MSCP. The comment states the project Site supports wildlife movement.

The County acknowledges the comment and refers the reader to **Topical Response BIO-2**, as well as Draft EIR Section 2.4.12.4, as well as **Response to Comment O-1.5** (Dr. Megan Jennings).

I-356-3 The comment states habitat within and adjacent to the project Site is designated as “moderate, high, and very high quality in the North County MSCP” and is “a critical area for habitat connectivity.” The comment states the proposed Project would split these wildlife corridors which violates the NC MSCP’s purpose of providing a regional, interconnected preserve system.

The County acknowledges the comment and refers the reader to Response to Comment I-356-3, above relative to wildlife corridors, as well as **Topical Response BIO-1**, which addresses the proposed Project’s compliance with the draft North County MSCP.

I-356-4 The comment states that while other cities are nearby, the project site is far from transit stations and residents would need to drive to these stations. The comment notes the project Site is far from transit options, which could alleviate traffic impacts. The comment states that I-15 is congested near the project Site and the proposed Project will exacerbate traffic.

The County acknowledges the comment and notes that it addresses general subject areas, (traffic) which received extensive analysis in the Draft EIR, specifically **Section 2.13, Transportation and Traffic**. The comment restates information from the DEIR with respect to impacts to I-15 (see Impacts TR-18 and TR-41) and does not raise any specific issue regarding that analysis; therefore, no more specific response can be provided or is required. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.

Comment Letter Responses

I-356-5 The comment states the “days of building sprawl in the backcountry are over” and that “we cannot keep decimating our remaining open space and increasing traffic in areas without adequate public transportation.”

The County acknowledges the comment and notes it expresses the opinions of the commentator, and does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of any specific section or analysis of the Draft EIR. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project. No further response is required or necessary.