

CITY OF BURBANK
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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Dear Mr. Shah:

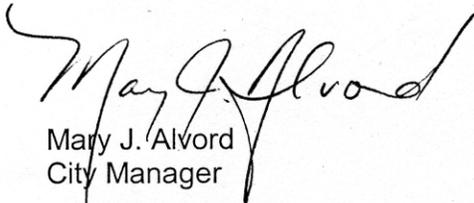
The City of Burbank recently received a copy of the Joint Report to City Council Motion 06-0234 (Joint Report). As discussed in previous comment letters dated March 22 and March 30, 2006 from the Burbank City Council, we disagree with the Joint Report's assertion that the hybrid alignment has been sufficiently analyzed in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Rather, the modified alternatives listed in the Joint Report are proposed in communities not previously addressed in the Draft EIR. Therefore, after it has been revised, the Draft EIR must be recirculated for additional public review and comment.

Furthermore, the Joint Report indicates that the Final EIR might not state which GBIS alignment alternative will be selected. This is unacceptable. Failure to select the GBIS alignment in the Final EIR will create a cloud of uncertainty, could have an adverse affect on property values, and, therefore, may create significant adverse socio-economic impacts upon residents and businesses. There have already been many questions raised regarding real estate disclosures and the potential suppression of land values. Unless it is made clear which GBIS alignment alternative will be selected, this uncertainty will continue to plague our residents.

In conclusion, the Final EIR must select the environmentally preferred alternative, which is not the northern alignment or the hybrid alignment (Modified Alignment No. 1 in the Joint Report).

If you have questions for City of Burbank staff, please contact Rodney Andersen at (818) 238-3931.

Sincerely,



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City Manager

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