



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

Dedicated to the Preservation of the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains

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Comment of Santa Susana Mountain Park Association on SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS STUDY Eastern Conveyor Route #B

On August 7 and 9, 2014, DTSC presented in public meetings several “preliminary transportation route options identified to date” for soil removal from the SSFL site. One of those route options was identified as **Eastern Conveyor Route #B**.

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association’s (SSMPA’s) present comment pertains to that **Eastern Conveyor Route #B** as presented in DTSC’s map “Potential SSFL Truck and Conveyor Routes for Feasibility Analysis.”¹

Please know that **SSMPA deems Route #B unacceptable**.

SSMPA’s mission is to preserve and protect the Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains, and regional open space.

SSMPA considers Route #B to be incompatible with our mission in that Route #B invades acres of protected open space preserves, including:

1. The western end of Eastern Conveyor Route #B runs through approximately one mile of protected open space in **Sage Ranch Park** (Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy).
2. The eastern section of Eastern Conveyor Route #B runs through approximately one and one-half miles of protected open space in **Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park** (California Department of Parks and Recreation).
3. The eastern end of Eastern Conveyor Route #B appears to run through a section of **Chatsworth Park South** (Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks).
4. **Rail Site #3** appears to rest on land within both **Chatsworth Park South** and **Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park**.

Invasion of so much legally protected open space, traversing steep and fragile terrain, is unacceptable.

Please take our vigorous objection, as well as the specific points raised above, into consideration in your evaluation of Route #B.

Sincerely,



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About Santa Susana Mountain Park Association:

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association is a 42 year-old non-profit organization based in Chatsworth, Los Angeles, California.

We represent approximately 700 members and concerned citizens, and we partner with many organizations to promote ecological and recreational quality in Southern California.

SSMPA's mission is to preserve and protect the Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains, and surrounding open space.

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References

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