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DIAMOND SPRINGS AND EL DORADO  
COMMUNITY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

County Government Center  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

AGENDA  
October 15, 2020

PLACE: Board of Supervisors Meeting Room  
Building "A"

TIME: 6 P.M.

POSTED: 10-08-2020

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all attendees to this meeting are required to wear an appropriate face mask, and to socially distance. 6 ft spacing shall be observed by all attendees seated in the audience.**

For purposes of the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54954.2 (a)), the numbered items on this agenda give a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed.

**ROLL CALL**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ADOPT AGENDA**

**APPROVE 02-20-2020 DRAFT MINUTES-Attachment 1**

**OPEN FORUM**

Public testimony will be received on each agenda item as it is called. Matters not on the agenda may be addressed by the general public during the Open Forum. Public comments during Open Forum are limited to three minutes per person. The Committee reserves the right to waive said rules by majority vote.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letters of support for the Diamond Springs Parkway Phase 1B, and for the Diamond Center Dr sidewalk project were provided to DOT for pending Grant applications, and a letter of support for the Caltrans Pleasant Valley Road Pedestrian Improvement SHOPP Project grant application was provided to the El Dorado County Transportation Commission. (Copies attached)

## **Topics:**

- 1. PA20-0004 – El Dorado Haven Apartments (Mercy Housing California, Stephen Daues/El Dorado Federated Church):** A request for a Pre-Application consultation for a proposed 65-unit SB 35 streamlined affordable housing project. The property, identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 331-301-017, consists of 4.6 acres, and is located on the east side of Pleasant Valley Rd/State Hwy 49, approximately 700 feet east of the intersection with Oak Dell Rd. A presentation will be made by County Planners, and project proponents
- 2. TM18-1538 Dorado Oaks (Stonehenge Springs, LLC/CTA Engineering & Surveying):** A presentation by Michelle Smira, the project manager to provide an update to the Committee concerning the current status of the project environmental document, and the processing of the Tentative Map.

This project is a request for a Tentative Subdivision Map to create 156 single-family lots and 218 multi-family lots that range in size from 2,800 square feet to approximately 24,006 square feet, twenty-four (24) lettered lots for both landscape and open space, and seven (7) roadway lots. The property, identified by Assessor's Parcel Numbers 054-402-18, 329-301-15, 329-301-20, 329-310-10, 329-310-11, and 329-310-12, consists of 142.29 acres, and is located on the south side of Faith Lane, approximately 500 feet south of the intersection with Pleasant Valley Road, in the Diamond Springs area.

- 3.** A presentation by Kris Payne, Chairman of the Patterson Ranch Fire Safe Council concerning the current condition of Tullis Mine Road in Diamond Springs, and its importance as a secondary evacuation route from the Deer Park area in the event of a wildfire emergency.

**Coming Events: None**

**Committee Reports:**

- A followup discussion on the Board of Supervisors approval of the Missouri Flat Master Circulation and Financing Plan Phase II.

**Adjourn**



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September 17, 2020

Mr. Amarjeet Benipal  
Director, Caltrans District III 703 B Street,  
Marysville, CA 95901

RE: SR 49 Diamond Springs Pedestrian and Bicycling Project-2020 SHOPP Reservation Fund  
Complete Streets Application

Dear Mr. Benipal:

The Diamond Springs and El Dorado Community Advisory Committee strongly supports Caltrans District III's submittal of a 2020 SHOPP Reservation Fund Complete Streets grant application for the State Route (SR) 49 Diamond Springs Pedestrian and Bicycling Project. The project is located on SR 49 between Missouri Flat Road and Koki Lane near the towns of Diamond Springs and El Dorado. The project will close an existing one-mile gap in the sidewalk on the south side of SR 49 between Patterson Drive and Koki Lane and will utilize context sensitive shoulder solutions to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety and access on both sides of SR 49 in the project area, including providing safe and efficient non-motorized access for students and low-income/disadvantaged community members.

As a high priority project in the recently completed 2020 El Dorado County Active Transportation Plan, the project will improve safety and access to schools in the project area for students, parents, and school staff. In addition, the project will greatly improve access to active transportation and enhance

multi-modal connectivity for all members of the community including the three low-income/disadvantaged communities in the project area.

By providing a safe and accessible active transportation facility, the project will promote livability, safety, and an increased sense of community along the SR 49 corridor in Diamond Springs and El Dorado. The SR 49 corridor between Diamond Springs and El Dorado is a critical bicycle and pedestrian corridor as it serves as a commute-route for local residents seeking access to local jobs, goods, and services and as a critical active transportation corridor for students to access schools in the project area.

Our Committee has been pushing for improved pedestrian and bicycling facilities along this corridor for decades. We sincerely hope that this grant application is successful, and that real improvements are forthcoming to this neglected section of State Highway in the very near future.

Sincerely,

Randy Pesses, Chairman



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Mitch Weiss, Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street MS52  
Sacramento CA 95814

June 19, 2020

Re: Diamond Springs Parkway Phase 1B

Dear Mr. Weiss;

This letter is to express the support of the Diamond Springs and El Dorado Community Advisory Committee for the subject project, and to extend our sincere hope that it be favorably considered for grant funding.

The need for this project has existed for well over 30 years that I am aware of, and the County Department of Transportation has been working towards solutions to the problem for almost that long. Pleasant Valley Road through Diamond Springs serves as the Main Street for the historic downtown, it is also part of California Highway 49 at this location, and to complicate matters, it is also the primary east/west corridor for residents in the south county travelling to and from home to work, school, shopping etc. Traffic has been steadily increasing through the years, and the result is that it has become an almost intolerable situation for the community of Diamond Springs.

The Diamond Springs Parkway has long been planned as the means to route much of the south county commute traffic around downtown Diamond Springs, and to provide a more direct route to Hwy 50 via the Missouri Flat Rd arterial corridor. Most of the components of this travel route around Diamond Springs have been completed. Missouri Flat Rd has been widened to 4 lanes, the Missouri Flat Interchange has been improved, which included the widening of the Hwy 50 bridge across Weber Creek, and the Diamond Springs Parkway Phase 1A is currently under construction. The Phase 1B component

of the project is all that remains to provide a functioning route around Diamond Springs for commute traffic.

I won't go into the project details in this letter, they are well detailed in the grant application, but it is important to point out the benefits to the community that this project will bring in terms of the enhanced network of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, as well as improved access to the existing El Dorado Trail.

It is the sincere hope of this community that this grant application receives favorable consideration from your Commission, so that funding may be provided to help complete this critically important project.

Sincerely,

Randy Pesses, Chairman

cc: El Dorado County District 3 Supervisor Brian Veerkamp

Mr. Rafael Martinez, Director, El Dorado County Department of Transportation

Ms. Alison Hodgkin, Senior Planner, El Dorado County Department of Transportation



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September 9, 2020

Laurie Waters, Associate Deputy Director  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street, MS 52  
Sacramento CA 95814

RE: 2021 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 Grant Application for the  
Golden Center Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project

Dear Ms. Waters,

It is our pleasure to provide a letter of support for the Golden Center Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project proposed by the El Dorado County Department of Transportation.

The Diamond Springs-El Dorado Community Advisory Committee (DS-EDAC) partners with the county and makes recommendations to county staff, commissioners and supervisors regarding land use and development in the Diamond Springs and El Dorado communities.

Over the years, as we have watched the Missouri Flat area grow, we have seen the need for active transportation infrastructure along Golden Center Drive. Home to a handful of businesses, including medical offices and assisted living/retirement facilities, this area would greatly benefit from dedicated facilities for pedestrians and bicycles. Of special concern is the relative absence of safe walking routes to and from Herbert Green Middle School for school children in the area. Currently, school children are forced to walk on road shoulders or along the roadside ditches to access the school. This circumstance leads to large numbers of parents driving their children to and from school, adding to congestion and VMT's. This project would add to the network of safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the area, help to reduce vehicle congestion, and improve non-motorized circulation within the Diamond Springs area.

The committee supports the County's submittal of an ATP Cycle 5 grant application for Golden Center Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements. The project would enhance safety and provide traffic calming effects that are desperately needed in this area.

We strongly urge you to fund the Golden Center Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Randy Pesses, Chairman