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Subject: Re: EDH Road Improvement Priorities

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Joe -

The Saratoga extension is a high priority project. We are doing everything we can to expedite this project, including working with a local developer that is interested in doing the work as mitigation to potential traffic impacts. But regardless of these negotiations, the first step in getting Saratoga moving is to complete an EIR for the extension. DOT is moving forward on this. We will be authorizing a task order to begin the EIR work as soon as we get a responsible estimate from our on-call consultant. This task order should be fully executed before the end of December, and most likely much sooner. Unfortunately I cannot give a good time estimate on when the EIR can be certified since the previous Saratoga project (the one that is currently under construction) had more issues than anticipated. I will gladly give you periodic status reports on this effort if you wish.

I do concur that it would be beneficial to have the Saratoga extension completed before additional work is performed on the El Dorado Hills Blvd interchange. The City of Folsom is eager to finish their remaining portion of Iron Point road. In discussions with them, they have only about 400 feet of Iron Point left and will do that as soon as we have a place for them to connect to. Another significant benefit to the Saratoga extension will be realized when the Empire Ranch Interchange is built by the City of Folsom. Folsom is moving forward on this but are only now finishing up the Environmental Document so the construction is probably off till around 2009/2010.

Because we have a lot of work planned for the EDH area, my staff is reviewing all the projects in the EDH area to coordinate project delivery issues and construction staging problems to minimize costs and public inconvenience. It is important to note that all projects are reviewed to minimize disruption to public traffic. An outcome of this review has been the inclusion of incentive clauses in construction contracts to reward contractors that finish the work early. We also evaluate the impacts to cost, schedule and public inconvenience for performing the construction work at night. We are very concerned about the disruption of the travelling public and we plan to implement every feasible option to minimize the disruption during the EDH Blvd Bridge project. As such, our constructability review of the bridge replacement project indicates that it can be done without taking any lanes out of service except for an occasional lane closure.

I continue to challenge my staff to get projects out quicker. The Saratoga extension will be no exception. It is getting more attention by DOT now than it has in recent history. It will continue to be a focus of our attention until it is completed.

I hope this helps. Let me know if you would like to discuss further.

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B. Transportation Department submitting appropriate documents to amend the capital improvements program to accelerate the improvement of Latrobe Road, including any necessary requests for budget transfer from the El Dorado Hills/Salmon Falls Traffic Impact Mitigation (TIM) Fee account; and reporting on direction needed for moving forward on Latrobe Road improvements when it is appropriate to do so.

BOARD ACTION - Board approved the two recommendations set forth by the Department of Transportation in its Agenda Transmittal dated 1/12/95 as follows: BUNUNS

11246

Staff Recommended

(1) Approved the inclusion of the Latrobe Road project in the current year Capital Improvement Program (CIP); and

(2) Approved the postponement of the Green Valley Road and Saratoga Road projects to a future fiscal year CIP.

OPEN FORUM

MEETING ADJOURNED

Members of the Board of Supervisors are invited to attend a joint meeting of the El Dorado Irrigation District and the Georgetown Public Utility District on Monday, January 23, 1995, 9:00 a.m., at the Placerville Inn, 6850 Green Leaf Drive, to hear a presentation by the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency and Sacramento Water Forum.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

J. MARK NIELSEN, Chairman

DIXIE L. FOOTE, Clerk of the Board

15. Supervisor Shultz recommending appointment of Richard Smith of Garden Valley to the El Dorado County Waste Management Task Force for a term to expire January, 2002. **9496**  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Appoint Mr. Smith.
16. (Refer Agenda Addendum No. 1)
17. (Refer Agenda Addendum No. 1)

**BOARD ACTION** - Consent Calendar items approved as recommended with additional direction on item 11 as noted (items 7 and 16 acted upon separately).  
 NuNBS U(a)

**END CONSENT CALENDAR**

**DEPARTMENT MATTERS** (At the time the Board acts upon the Consent Calendar, it may select individual Department Matters to be moved to the Consent Calendar for approval, absent objections and/or requests of staff or the public to speak to those matters.)

50. Clerk of the Board of Supervisors submitting recommendation of the California Code Administration (CCA) that a representative of the Board be elected to participate in local jurisdiction meetings being held by the CCA to consider petitions to modify the 916 Area Code boundary change. **11778**  
**BOARD ACTION** - Board elected to have its Chairman (Supervisor Shultz) represent the County's position, noting any other Supervisor is free to represent his own position. NuBNS U(a)

- Saratoga changes to 2 lanes*  
 51. Hearing to consider approval of the negative declaration for the design and construction of the U.S. Highway 50/El Dorado Hills Boulevard/Latrobe Road Interchange Project (No. JN 71318). (Continued 1/28/97, Item 70) **11211**  
**BOARD ACTION** - Board directed that mitigation measures be added to reduce the width of Saratoga Way to two lanes and move it easterly as far as possible, to construct an 8-foot sound wall with landscaping in the buffer between Saratoga Way and the El Dorado Hills Townhouses, to restrict through trucks on Saratoga Way, and to make certain Mammoth Way connects to Saratoga Way; and staff directed to re-circulate the Negative Declaration providing opportunity for all neighborhood groups to participate in the process.  
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52. (Refer Agenda Addendum No. 1)

TIME ALLOCATION - 2:00 P.M.

- 80. Consideration of Reimbursement Agreement for Marble Valley Road for reimbursement to the landowner of certain public infrastructure costs to be advanced by landowner in conjunction with the installation of Marble Valley Road. (Continued 5/2/00, Item 81-3)  
BOARD ACTION - Continued off calendar at the request of the Department of Transportation. NuHBNS

- 81. Transportation Department recommending the Board receive the project status report on the El Dorado Hills Boulevard-Latrobe Road / U.S. Highway 050 Interchange and adopt the Resolution certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Assessment; conceptually approve one of two of the Saratoga Way realignment options and adopt the representative set of Findings of Fact and Mitigation Monitoring Program; and approve the interchange configuration alternative that is consistent with the selected Saratoga Way option in Recommendation 2 as outlined in agenda transmittal to the Board dated May 11, 2000.  
BOARD ACTION - RESOLUTION NO. 134-2000 adopted certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Assessment. NBNUHS

Board conceptually approved the "Tangent" alignment option for the Saratoga Way realignment and adopted the representative Findings of Fact and Mitigation Monitoring Program. BNUNHS

Board selected interchange configuration alternative 3A/B in the technical CALTRANS report that goes along with the "Tangent" alignment for Saratoga Way. BNUNHS

BOARD ADJOURNED TO 8:30 A.M. TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2000

*Final EIR  
Adopted Res.  
134-2000*

*CALTRANS*

about three months into a 12-month design and environmental review process. He said construction is about three years away.

Interchange improvements in Cameron Park and Shingle Springs - at Cameron Park Drive and Bass Lake, Cambridge and Ponderosa roads - are needed to serve continuing growth in that area. Borroum said all are in preliminary planning stages.

In some cases, improvements to nearby streets and intersections will be required before work begins on the interchanges, he said.

According to the staff member report, the interchange projects likely will be undertaken in increments from 2010 to 2015.

Looking farther east, the department will hire consultants to do preliminary design and environmental work for improvements to the El Dorado Road interchange and connections with Missouri Flat Road. Work also is under way to improve the Missouri Flat Road interchange. The project will include widening the Weber Creek Bridge.

Supervisors and residents said interchange improvements are important, but they argued that the county also needs to develop routes parallel to Highway 50 to divert traffic from the freeway.

White Rock Road is one such route. Borroum said the county is working with Folsom and Rancho Cordova on improvements that could be done in two to three years.

White Rock Road also is being considered as part of a proposed connector linking Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova and El Dorado Hills. The project is the subject of a SACOG study that could take up to 10 years, Borroum said.

Art Marinaccio of Shingle Springs said, "It is critically important that we spend a little more mental effort on parallel capacity."

Folsom is looking at annexing 3,500 acres south of Highway 50, he said, and development there would generate additional traffic.

If for no other reason, he said, parallel routes will be needed when interchange projects are under construction.

County Auditor-Controller Joe Harn said Saratoga Way in El Dorado Hills should be extended to Folsom before work begins on the Highway 50 bridge over El Dorado Hills Boulevard. "I really think it's going to be a mess till we connect Saratoga to Iron Point," he said.

Supervisor Rusty Dupray told the board Tuesday that Folsom city officials have said that they are prepared to complete the connection to Iron Point Road as soon as Saratoga Way is extended to the county line.

Supervisor Jack Sweeney said the county needs to take a look at its priority list and funding sources to make sure they coincide.

Transportation Director Richard Shepard said he will present the board with a five-year capital improvement program by the first of the year.

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