



Meeting Summary

El Dorado Hills Community Workshop #2

June 8, 2009

The workshop began with a presentation given by Tom Zlotkowski and Michele McCormick.

Once the presentation was finished, residents of the Four Seasons community requested an opportunity to share the results of a community survey they conducted the previous week. The residents shared four main areas of concern about the Project and current traffic conditions. These areas are:

- Truck noise, truck traffic and increased impacts to local roads and local traffic from trucks.
- Safety is a primary concern. Two residents addressed this.
 - Some members of the Four Seasons community would like to keep truck and non-local traffic off of White Rock Road.
 - Some residents would like to keep the Connector alignment where it is currently (White Rock Road) but would like the Project to include a feeder road to the south that would serve the business park.
- Traffic Congestion- ingress and egress to community. Potential gridlock, The community would like to see an auxiliary road to relieve gridlock.
- Concern by some members of the community about the additional traffic, potential increase in crime from the Sacramento County folks driving into El Dorado Hills, losing the quality of life residents have now and the decrease in home values that would result from the “freeway” next to homes.

Meeting attendees had other questions and comments about the Project. Those follow:

Comments

- Whatever happens on the Sacramento County side needs to acknowledge the money and investment that El Dorado County has made in anticipation of its planned growth. El Dorado County needs to look at the traffic circulation plan for the Folsom Sphere of Influence.
- Additional traffic through the business park would be very impactful. The additional traffic could impact safety of the Four Seasons residents. What about emergency response access? Also concerned about the connector creating a “ghost town” of El Dorado Hills (reference to a freeway project in Pasadena).
- The residents of El Dorado Hills now have a chance to demand lower density development. How dumb do you think we are? (This was directed at staff) Are you going to get excited? (This was directed to meeting attendees)

- The Connector will generate air quality issues. Also, the Connector will facilitate Hwy 99 to Hwy 50 cut through traffic to Tahoe.
- If White Rock Road was left at two lanes it would force Sacramento County to develop other alternatives.
- This Connector will be used as a freeway and there is no benefit to that for El Dorado Hills.
- The logical tie in for the Connector is Empire Ranch Road. It would bypass El Dorado Hills and could tie in to Roseville/Placer County access via Auburn Folsom Road.
- There is nearby red tailed hawk habitat. There is a nesting pair along White Rock Road near Placerville Road intersection.

Questions

- Why isn't El Dorado Hills represented on the JPA Board of Directors?
- Can you re-route trucks away from the Connector alignment?
- Can you put a number on the "substantial" number of trucks from the mining projects? – *(Any amount of truck traffic meeting or exceeding 10% of the average daily trip would count as substantial)*
- Have you been down I-5 to see the number of trucks? That number must exceed 10% of the traffic on the road.
- What is Supervisor Knights position on these community issues?
- Won't the necessary traffic lights at Latrobe (and other large cross streets in El Dorado Hills) increase air pollution? Will there be restrictions on access?
- Have you considered the value of homes that back up to White Rock Road? Would you buy a home next to a highway?
- Is this going to extend Salmon Falls on to I-80 to facilitate moving Sparks NV warehouse truck traffic?
- What is the legal responsibility to participate in the JPA? What if El Dorado County pulls out of the JPA?
- Why can't Hwy 50 be developed to handle the increase in traffic?
- What are the benefits to El Dorado Hills to having the increased traffic?
- Have we looked at the impact the Connector and traffic could have to Rolling Hills Church? It's very difficult to move out of the parking lot as it is now.
- Can large mining trucks be restricted from White Rock Road through El Dorado Hills?