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**Subject: El Dorado Hills Area Planning Advisory Committee (EDHAPAC) traffic safety concerns for the Green Valley Road Corridor**

Many EDH community members who use the Green Valley Corridor are very concerned that with all of the proposed and approved projects for Green Valley Road that the road, already at Level F service in some areas, will deteriorate into a severe public safety problem and not function effectively as the East/West rural transportation corridor for the County. The entire corridor from the County line to Cameron Park Dr. will soon be at level F service if the required infrastructure improvements are not made. The current road improvements listed in the CIP are scheduled to be completed in the next 20 years (after 2021). This does not meet the community expectations for approval of projects along the corridor.

We have a major concern that the traffic impact studies prepared for corridor projects are using out-of-date traffic counts in their traffic reports. The County data uses annual volume adjustments made based on 2% annual increases or an increase based on a straight line interpolation from 1998 to 2025. El Dorado Hills has already exceeded the GP growth projections of 2%. Population growth of EDC was 2% or 27,000 people. The El Dorado Hills growth exceeded 9% between 2000 and 2010 which was 24,000 people. 90% of the County growth was in EDH. Current traffic models based on the GP are deficient at best in this area.

The methodology in determining Approved/Pending Projects (APP) is flawed in that the county staff provided only Wilson Estates, Green Valley Center and Dixon Ranch for review purposes. They neglected to evaluate new projects with cumulative effects of Alto, Grand Amis, La Canada, Diamante Estates, Green Springs Equestrian, Summer Brook, Silver Springs and the PA07-0067 commercial and 10 residence projects. All of these projects will contribute to the congestion of Green Valley Road.

The trip distribution needs to be based on a real time study performed along the corridor. The residents of this area believe that the project trips sighted in impact studies are not accurate and new update data must be used to determine the true impacts to the corridor.

Another issue that DOT staff has not addressed is the existence of 42 access roads or driveways onto Green Valley Rd between Silva Valley Parkway and Bass Lake Rd. Ellen Van Dyke has prepared a map showing these access location points (See attached map). If these access points are not addressed in future designs of the corridor, residents will have extreme difficulties gaining access to their property during peak commute hour traffic.

APAC recommends the following tasks be completed to address the Green Valley Corridor problems:

**A new traffic measurement count along the full corridor including major and minor access points during normal traffic periods. No holidays and schools in session.**

**With the new traffic count data, prepare a design for the full corridor with the maximum growth allowed in the General Plan, assuming amendments.**

**Prepare a finance plan to build the new Corridor road design.**

**Hold public meetings in El Dorado Hills and present the Corridor design and financial plan to the Community.**

**Amend the General Plan to include the final corridor road design and adopt a finance plan for the corridor improvements.**

**Delay project approvals along the corridor until the road design and financing are in place.**

If you have any question about any of the comments and concerns expressed here, please contact John Hidahl, APAC Chairman at [Hidahl@aol.com](mailto:Hidahl@aol.com) or Norm Rowett GVC subcommittee Chairman at [arowett@pacbell.net](mailto:arowett@pacbell.net) .

APAC appreciates having the opportunity to comment on Green Valley Corridor.

Sincerely,

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