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**Legistar #14-0141, September 16, 2014 Meeting date**

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Fri, Sep 12, 2014 at 9:40 PM

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Dear Supervisor,

This note is in follow up to my earlier email communications regarding the Serrano Village A traffic issues and subsequent Entrada gate problems. I stopped by your office this week (Wednesday) to find out it is open only Tuesday and Thursday.

I wanted to introduce myself and give you a bit more information on the history of this issue. I have documentation dating from 2009, Village A residents voiced concerns to Serrano HOA regarding the traffic and parking problems caused by Russi Ranch Road and Oak Meadow Elementary School. We brought to Serrano HOA the very key issues you had outlined in your slide presentation.

The most cost effective solution is for Russi Ranch Road to be closed to through-way traffic, as well as closing the pedestrian gate at the Dymaxion cul-de-sac. These entryways into Village A were never designed to handle traffic outside of the immediate neighborhood (as noted by the County's own slides). By limiting access through these avenues, along with not allowing U-turns at the Entrada gate, traffic will travel down Serrano Parkway, as intended, and left-hand turns onto Silva Valley will decrease dramatically.

I am at a business meeting, out of town, through Tuesday night and will not be able to attend the meeting on 9/16. Please provide some response to my inquiry, other than a obligatory acknowledgement.

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## Silva Valley Parkway/Highway 50 Interchange and Village A Impacts - Legistar #14-0141

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Mon, Sep 15, 2014 at 9:21 AM

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Supervisor Mikulaco;

I am writing in regards to the Silva Valley Parkway/Highway 50 Interchange and the potential traffic impacts to Silva Valley Parkway and Serrano Village A. I am a homeowner in Serrano Village A and was present at the meeting on September 8th when the County presented their initial plan for dealing with traffic issues at Entrada Drive and Silva Valley Parkway. I came away from that meeting very concerned about the resulting impacts and unmitigated traffic and safety problems that would be present if the initial County recommendation were implemented.

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Regards,  
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Ryan Merryman, on behalf of many Serrano home owners  
September 9, 2014

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Submitted electronically

Dear Mr. Mikulaco:

My name is Ryan Merryman, I am a home owner in Serrano "Village A" and I was present at last night's meeting led by Mr. John Kahling of the County of El Dorado Community Development Agency. The purpose of my correspondence herein is to expressly communicate the many significant concerns shared by a number of Serrano home owners and myself. A large group of home owners, including members of the Serrano Home Owners' Association board, have contributed their input, and below is my attempt to synthesize the collective group's concerns and risks that will be predictably increased.

As you witnessed, Mr. Kahling's "recommendation," as presented last night, is to prohibit left turns off Entrada drive onto Silva Valley Pkwy. This course of action will result in the following consequences and risks:

1. **High Speed off-Ramp Exiting In Front of Oak Meadow School** [Appendix A, Point #4] - Freeway traffic will have no cause of slowing from Highway 50 till Silva Valley Pkwy/Serrano Pkwy. With the "free pass," traffic passing Oak Meadow School will likely be very unsafe. The recommendation leaves no traffic controls in the plan (stop sign or signal lights) to slow this traffic and the ramp is a gentle curve would not cause a natural slowing of traffic when exiting the freeway. Nothing will slow traffic until the light at Serrano Pkwy.
2. **Dangerous Uncontrolled Intersection at Village Green Drive and Serrano Pkwy** [Appendix A, Point #1] - Since traffic wishing to travel Southbound on Silva Valley from Villages A and C will likely exit at Village Green and make a left out of the gate, the recommendation just moves the problem of making a left across heavy traffic from one intersection to another. Village Green has no stop sign or stop light signal, and it is equally difficult to make a left turn due to the traffic load traveling at 45 mph in both directions on Serrano Parkway. The center divider further obstructs views and the curve in the road, adding additional risk to traffic exiting the Village Green gate. Mr. Kahling predicts this intersection will fall to a "level of service" rating of "F."
3. **Dangerous Left Turn Overload Westbound Serrano Pkwy at Silva Valley Pkwy** [Appendix A, Point #2]- No lefts out of Entrada gate will predictably push traffic to the Village Green

Drive/Serrano Pkwy exit. This will greatly increase the number of cars then making a left turn to head South on Silva Valley Pkwy since this is their only option given they cannot go left out of Entrada. Additional cars may exit right out of Entrada and travel to Serrano Parkway and go right (to avoid backup and wait in left turn lane) followed by a U-turn at the Village Green Drive intersection and then turn left heading West at Silva Valley Pkwy. The above will likely regularly overflow the short left turn waiting lane and encroach on the number 1 lane of Serrano Pkwy, a 45 mph roadway. In addition to the intersection noted above, Mr. Kahling also predicts that this intersection will fall to a "level of service" rating of "F."

4. **Left Turn Overload Northbound On Silva Valley Pkwy At Serrano** [Appendix A, Point #2]- A safety issue will be caused when traffic builds up at the intersection of Silva Valley Pkwy and Serrano Pkwy heading North of cars queuing to make a left or U-turn heading north. This queuing will max out the left turn lane and cause cars to line up in the number 1 lane creating a hazard on a 45 mph road. Cars making a U-turn take longer to clear the left turn lane. Since the number of U-turn cars will increase due to no left turn on Entrada then these additional cars taking longer will increase the problem by lowering the number of cars which will make the light and free up space in the left turn waiting lane.
5. **Increased Traffic along Village Green Drive Corridor and in Village A** [Appendix A, Point #5] – A safety risk will be caused along Village Green Drive approaching the Village Green gate at Serrano Pkwy. It can be predicted that the negative implications of the additional traffic along Serrano Parkway will spill into the village through the gate as the recommended action redirects traffic down Village Green Drive at a rate in excess of which it was designed. This predictable risk has not been studied and/or considered. All questions on the topic were answered with "I don't know" or "We didn't study that." I'll add that this "behind gate" increase is 100% adjacent to home owner's yards and the community park.
6. **Increased Evacuation Risks for Village A** - In the event of an emergency, where quick evacuation was necessary such as fire, earthquake, shooting, etc. The flow of exit traffic could be slowed by a rate of 100% (two exits, down to one). Mr. Kahling explained that concrete curbs would be constructed, this would definitely slow quick access to highway 50.

The only mitigation for the elimination of the ability to make a left turn at Entrada that was offered was the eventual extension of Country Club Rd. to connect to Village A and Silva Valley Parkway, which would provide an exit onto Silva Valley to Town Center. Unfortunately, Mr. Kahling indicated that this extension is, at a minimum, 5-10 years away, and is contingent upon reaching a deal with three separate landowners. Like the issue at Entrada, this part of the overall project was apparently left out of the planning process.

We, the home owners will be affected greatly by this decision and we are alarmed by the proposed course of action. After collaboration with the many home owners noted above and members of the HOA board, I request that the County and Board of Supervisors conduct the following:

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- Further study the traffic impacts related to eliminating left turns on Entrada Drive, specifically how they will impact the points noted above. The study should be unbiased and it should consider all five of mitigation actions presented by Mr. Kahling.
- Perform a full environmental review of the impacts of all the proposed mitigation actions.
- Proceed with all actions necessary to expedite the connection of Russi Ranch, Country Club Drive and Silva Valley Pkwy at a traffic light. This includes the County immediately starting the eminent domain process on the land required for this light.
- Expedite the process for finding funding for the Country Club Drive traffic light.

I feel the above noted procedures will afford a resolution that is more satisfactory for all involved parties and that Serrano home owners will not be saddled with increased risk, poorer traffic and a decreased quality of life.

In closing, the whole presentation and recommended course of action felt like it was conceived at the eleventh hour without adequate study and consideration. It appeared obvious to me, and the many other home owners that I have conversed with, that the situation we currently find ourselves in is the result of serious oversight in the planning process. Furthermore, the necessary analyses were incomplete or worse yet, simply not done. The facts presented, although poorly organized and incomplete, pointed to the traffic signal as the only viable choice. Specifically, it would at least in part, mitigate each of the above numerated risks. Yet, we were told a traffic signal could not be considered because the cost of \$1.5 million was too high, and in order to construct it, and an additional environmental review would be necessary because the "footprint" of the traffic signal would fall outside the "footprint" of the approved Silva Valley/U.S. 50 Interchange" project.

I will do my best show up at your office hours later this week to discuss in person, but I cannot commit as I have a job and was not given adequate notice. Me and other home owners are extremely frustrated and greatly inconvenienced that we were only seven days' notice to address this issue. It is unfair to my many neighbors that simply will not have the ability to shuffle their schedules and participate in this conversation. If you would like to speak more on this topic, please feel free to call me directly.

Sincerely,



Ryan Merryman  
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Appendix A

