

Memo

To: Board of Supervisors
From: James R. "Jack" Sweeney, Supervisor
Date: 1/3/2008
Re: Joint Meeting with Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission regarding Roads

There are a number of road related requirements that the County places on new development. These requirements are not consolidated in any one place, but rather, they exist spread throughout the General Plan, County ordinances, State Fire Safe regulations, the County's Design Manual /Standard Plans, etc. Furthermore, these requirements are, in some cases, not entirely clear, and in other cases, they overlap. This makes it difficult for County Staff, Decision Makers, as well as the Public, to

- a) find all the applicable standards, and
- b) to apply them with consistency and accuracy.

To see the full effects of the requirements on any one area of the County, requires a compilation of existing DOT data (where it exists) along with the applicable requirements from the various sources. A visual representation, in the form of road maps, can quickly and vividly convey the limitations on new development driven by requirements related to, for example, road widths, secondary access, and level of service.

To date, two small "pilot maps" have been created that depict both existing DOT road/bridge width data, along with the road related new development requirements. These pilot maps encompass

- a) an area near Salmon Falls/Green Valley Road, and
- b) an area in and around the town of El Dorado and south along Highway 49.

While there are limitations of the existing DOT data as it was not collected for this purpose, it is directionally correct, and clearly demonstrates the restrictiveness that the requirements, when taken with the DOT data, place on new development. At a minimum, the proposed maps will increase the ability of County Staff, Decision Makers, and the Public to grasp the totality of our road requirements, and apply them to specific development projects in a more accurate and consistent manner. Furthermore, we, as the County's Decision Makers, need to understand the implications portrayed by these maps, and then discuss whether any of our existing requirements should be modified.

**EL DORADO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA TRANSMITTAL
Meeting of January 15, 2008**

AGENDA TITLE: Joint Meeting with Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission RE: Roads

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

DATE:

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CONTACT: Supervisor Jack Sweeney *J.S.*

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DEPARTMENT SUMMARY AND REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Supervisor Sweeney requests that a joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission be scheduled to discuss:

- A proposal to create a County-wide road map that displays existing road data (e.g., road widths) along with road related requirements implied by the General Plan, County ordinances, etc.; and
- Potential revisions to the General Plan and County ordinances based on new information learned from reviewing two initial "pilot maps".

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

Financial impact? () Yes () No

Funding Source: () Gen Fund () Other

BUDGET SUMMARY:

Total Est. Cost \$ _____
Funding
 Budgeted \$ _____
 New Funding \$ _____
 Savings* \$ _____
 Other \$ _____
Total Funding Available \$ _____
Change in Net County Cost \$ _____

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415's Vote Req'd. () Yes () No
Change in Policy () Yes () No
New Personnel () Yes () No

CONCURRENCES:

Risk Management
County Counsel
Other

* Explain

BOARD ACTIONS:

Vote: Unanimous _____ Or

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered into the minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

Ayes:

Date:

Noes:

Attest: CINDY KECK, Board of Supervisors Clerk

Abstentions:

By:

Absent:

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