



Public Comment - 4/23 Planning Commission Item 3

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Hello Commissioners,

On Thursday you will be asked to approve General Plan Findings of Consistency for the 2026 CIP. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend due to work obligations but wanted to call your attention to a proposed change that could impact the Shingle Springs community.

The CIP proposes a change in the construction start date for Project 36104008, the Durock Rd realignment as part of the larger Ponderosa Interchange project. As the Commission will recall, in February the Board of Supervisors considered the ARCO/AMPM Project on Durock Rd. The Board decided to approve the gas station project but - in recognition of the impact that construction would have on the community and the traffic safety issues with the existing configuration - delayed the construction start date of the gas station until June 1, 2028 or when construction begins on the CIP project, whichever is sooner. The Board's hope was that construction of the interchange and gas station could be coordinated. The June 1, 2028 date was specifically selected because it was expected that the CIP project would be underway by that date.

The proposed CIP book before you would move the projected start date of the Project from 27/28 to 28/29, citing right of way and CalTrans delays. This creates the potential that construction of the gas station could begin prior to commencement of the CIP project. This is the outcome the Board of Supervisors sought to avoid and it would significantly burden our community.

This issue was discussed at the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 10, 2026. At that meeting, DOT noted (and I'm paraphrasing, I welcome the DOT team to correct me if I'm mischaracterizing) that they continue to push to begin construction as soon as possible but are impacted by factors such as right of way acquisition and CalTrans approvals. I understand that there are some factors not under the County's direct control, but the CIP is a planning document. Approving a date change at this juncture sends the message - intentionally or not - that delays on this project are acceptable and that it is acceptable to build development projects before adequate infrastructure is in place. As I explained at hearings on the ARCO project, this part of Shingle Springs has significant traffic safety problems and remediating the situation should be one of the County's top transportation priorities.

While I understand that the task before the Commission is narrow - determining if the CIP book is in alignment with the General Plan - I would urge the Commission to make a recommendation to the Board that they keep the existing 27/28 date intact when the CIP book returns to them for approval in June. Doing so would uphold General Plan policy 2.1.1.7 which states in part that "development in Community Regions and elsewhere will be limited in some cases until such time as adequate roadways, utilities, and other public service infrastructure become available and wildfire hazards are mitigated as required by an approved Fire Safe Plan". It would send a clear message to the Shingle Springs community and external stakeholders that the County will do everything within its power to ensure that construction of this important safety project begins on time.

Thank you for your consideration.

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