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I am asking the Board of Supervisors to deny the two easements proposed across the Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor (SPTC) in Shingle Springs (Item 27 on your 4/12/11 agenda). Shingle Springs needs a transportation plan for businesses in the area and this proposal demonstrates why it is so badly needed. These two easements will negatively impact the utility and safety of the SPTC for trail and railroad uses, ignores the existing stop light that could provide for safe turning movements to and from Motherlode Drive for these parcels and many of the existing ones, and reduces the capacity of Motherlode Drive to function as an arterial roadway.

The SPTC was acquired with taxpayer dollars. These two easements degrade the value of the corridor for rail and trail users. The SPTC is similar to a linear park and every crossing of it by a road decreases the utility and safety of rail and trail users.

The taxpayers have already paid for a signal light at Motherlode Drive and French Creek Road. Expanding this signalized intersection to provide a connector road to Sunrise could greatly improve safe access to current and planned businesses north of the SPTC.

Motherlode Drive is an arterial route for many of us who live south of US 50 and it provides parallel capacity for Highway 50. It is critical that the number of driveways be minimized to allow Motherlode to continue to function as an arterial. Approving these two easements will be precedent setting for anyone else who wants to apply.

As stewards of our public land, please deny these requested easements; instead, ask the proponents to work together with the adjacent businesses to bring traffic to the traffic signal at French Creek and Motherlode Drive. One well planned crossing of the SPTC corridor will eliminate many future requests.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Robert A. Smart, Jr.*