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Hello Supervisors,

Below are my public comments regarding agenda item 21 (25-1104) on the JPA presentation. I hope you find them helpful in your evaluation.

In the last meeting on October 22, 2024, the main question was "How much benefit has El Dorado County received from the JPA?" **Slides 5 and 6** only show Hwy. 50/White Rock/Silva Valley Interchange done in 2015 for El Dorado County. Specifically, how much funding did JPA contribute to that effort from the \$230M total cost of constructed improvements referenced?

In general, if we have paid \$55k annually since 2006 (18 years to 2024), we have paid and estimated \$990k into the JPA. The question still to be answered is whether it is cost effective/beneficial to maintain JPA membership.

Slides 8 and 9 are two different views. The "before" slide is the view East, while the "after" view is West. In reality, if heading East from E. Bidwell it is mostly still two lanes. Was this intended to show "what it will look like?" If the East bound section is really started, then it would help to have a visual plan on what they intend to do with the sharp corner heading over the hill. Is the full length plan designed, considering the county line to Latrobe section says "100% designed plans" on slide 10?

Slide 10 - Only references "to Latrobe Road". What about continuing East on White Rock to the Hwy. 50 interchange at Silva Valley? That section is blue, based on the Project Overview on slide 5, so is it included in the plan or not?

Slide 11 - Will there be a traffic light at Manchester Drive, and/or Bailey Circle? How will cross-traffic safely be managed? Additionally, there is about a quarter mile of one lane only in the Westbound direction, just East of Manchester. What will be done there and by who?

Also on Slide 11, they reference TIM Fee Zone 8, so it might be helpful for the JPA to know the change to our zones for future communications.

Slide 15 shows \$6M in funding secured, but then also has a point for \$2M “pending congressional and presidential approval”. So, is it really secured?

Also slide 15 – This represents funding, but how much is the total cost estimate for completion of the span from East Bidwell to Latrobe Road? It is important to understand how much will still be required and not assume that this funding covers everything to complete the section in our county.

Slide 16 – Interesting challenge “California has moved away from building new capacity on roadways, shifting the burden to local counties and cities to ease congestion with local funds.” To me that says we cannot rely on state grants, so the total estimated cost I noted above from slide 15 is important. Will the JPA be able to cover ALL funding requirements and, if not, is the county prepared to cover the remaining amount?

Regards,

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