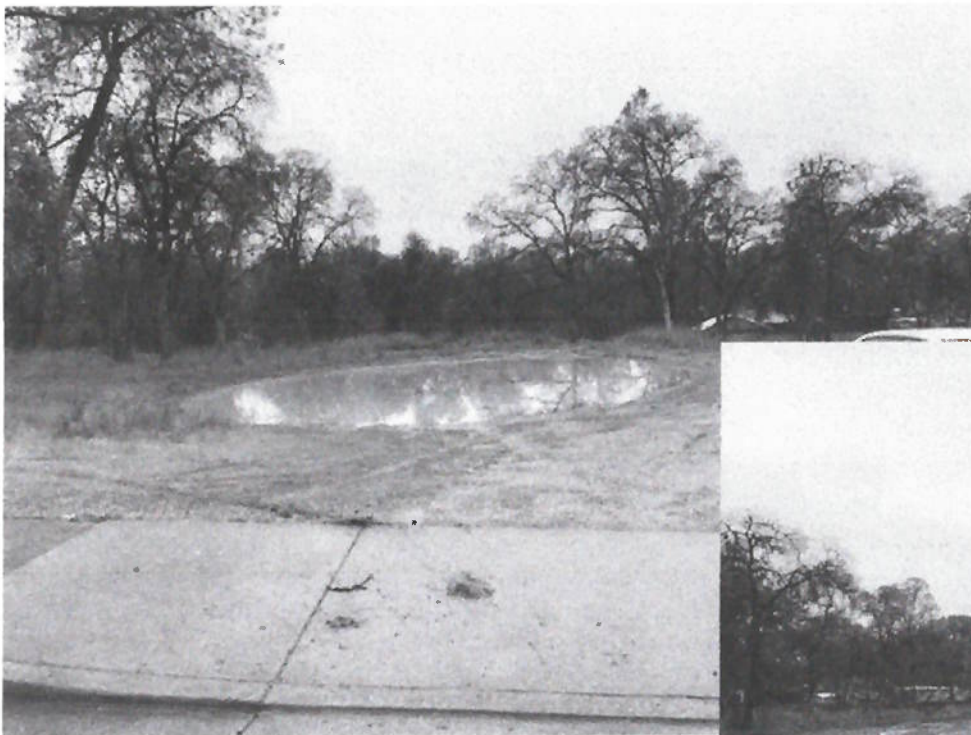


Open Forum BUS 4/29/2025



## Kim Dawson

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**From:** melody.lane@reagan.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 1:54 PM  
**To:** Kim Dawson; BOS-Clerk of the Board; George Turnboo; Lori Parlin; Rafael Martinez; Joe H. Harn  
**Cc:** David A Livingston; Tiffany Schmid; BOS-District V; BOS-District IV; BOS-District I; BOS-District III; BOS-District II  
**Subject:** 4/29/25 BOS Open Forum Public Comments - DOT Malfeasance/Public Record Act Requests for Information  
**Attachments:** 2-13-25 Mt Murphy Bridge Grant Funds P007644-021425.doc; 4-24-25 DOT APS Inspection Reports.doc

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Yesterday Rafael Martinez and 4 of his staff gave a presentation to the Taxpayers Association. Conspicuously missing were Lee Tannenbaum and Carol Louis. Not surprisingly, Kris Payne attempted to control questions and dialog directed to DOT staff before he left the meeting early.

Questions pertaining to DOT Grant Funds and lack of DOT responsiveness to constituents were raised by the remaining individuals in the room, but as usual, Rafael circumvented direct answers to inquiries. Read that as he LIED.

Attached are two PRAs pertaining to the Mt. Murphy Bridge Grants and potholes that developed within only one month of American Pavement Systems obviously defective application of a double chip seal to the road. Additionally, the BOS and Grand Jury received photos of the 15-18 foot pothole in front of my property that substantiates a complaint that I submitted to the Grand Jury.

Per the American Pavement Systems contract signed by Lori Parlin, the APS contract clearly indicates that the detective workmanship is to be corrected at no cost to the County. However, Rafael Martinez and Lori Parlin refuse to address constituent concerns. Rafael made it clear yesterday DOT is logging these complaints, but it may be a week, a month, or even a year before constituents will receive a response. That is unacceptable.

Likewise, DOT needs to be responsive to PRAs in a timely manner and assure accountability to constituents. Note there is nothing ambiguous about my attached PRAs, nor is there any excuse for Rafael Martinez or Joe Harn to withhold this public information.

*Melody Lane*

**Founder – Compass2Truth**

*“It will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice, if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood; if they be repealed or revised before they are promulgated, or undergo such incessant changes that no man who knows what the law is today can guess what it will be tomorrow.” James Madison, Federalist No. 62, 1788*

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**From:** melody.lane@reagan.com <melody.lane@reagan.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2025 3:38 PM

**To:** 'El Dorado County Public Records Center' <eldoradocountyca@mycusthelp.net>; 'Shanann A. Findley' <shanann.findley@edcgov.us>; rafael.martinez@edcgov.us; john.kahling@edcgov.us; Joe Harn <joe.harn@edcgov.us>; 'George Turnboo' <George.Turnboo@edcgov.us>

**Cc:** 'David A Livingston' <david.livingston@edcgov.us>; 'Lori Parlin' <lori.parlin@edcgov.us>; contact@edcgrandjury.com; bosfive@edcgov.us; bosfour <bosfour@edcgov.us>; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us

**Subject:** RE: Public Records Request :: P007693-031025

Rafael, et al,

The links that Ms. Findley submitted failed to provide the specific information requested in this PRA.

Once again I will attempt to clarify:

I expect to receive **each of the actual GRANT DOCUMENTS** going all the way back to the inception of the Mt. Murphy Bridge Replacement CIP, which I believe was around 2012-2013. This information is necessary in order that the grants may be examined to determine if the expenditures actually comply with **statutory, regulatory, and policy limitations/requirements** as outlined in **Chapter 6 of the Highway Bridge Program:**

The HBP has many statutory, regulatory, and policy limitations on how funds can be utilized on bridge projects. The purpose of these rules is to ensure that federal funds are dedicated to solving bridge structural safety problems. Since LPAs are financially accountable for meeting these requirements, it is essential that LPA decision-makers understand these guidelines.

The intent of the HBP is to remove structural deficiencies from existing local highway bridges to keep the traveling public safe. The HBP goal is to keep local highway bridges in good condition through a preventive maintenance program and to fix bridges that are in fair condition. A bridge that is in poor condition must utilize the most cost-effective and prudent solution to improve its condition from poor to fair or good.

Furthermore, you failed to provide DETAILED grant expenditures for the years PRIOR to FY 2023/24.



### All Figures in Thousands

Expenditures	Prior FY*	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28	FY
Plng/Env Consultant	1,644						
Plng/Env DOT Staff	1,056						
Design Consultant	303	800	300				
Developer Advanced Design							
Design DOT Staff	138	150	150				
ROW Acquisition		140	100				
ROW Utility Relocation							
ROW Consultant	10	30					
ROW DOT Staff	20	30	10				
Constr Eng Consultant			500	550	375		
Const Eng Staff			500	550	375		
Construction			7,500	8,000	5,000		
Developer Built							
Environmental Mitig. Monitor Consult.							
Environmental Mitig. Monitor Staff	1						
Totals	3,173	1,150	9,060	9,100	5,750		

A detailed accounting of all grant expenditures from inception of the CIP to present is necessary to determine whether these funds are being properly applied to the CIP or perhaps laundered elsewhere.

Accountability plays an important role in the county budgeting process. At present EDC has a \$20M deficit. Therefore, I would also appreciate an explanation as to why the Mt. Murphy Bridge CIP jumped from \$28M to \$39M??? Where exactly is that extra \$11M coming from???

If Mr. Martinez is unable to provide the requested information, then auditor Joe Harn should, theoretically, be willing and able to assist in accounting for the expenditures on this CIP.

If there is anything you still do not understand about this PRA, then please contact me immediately. I look forward to your prompt attention to this matter.

*Melody Lane*

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~ By identifying the people's sovereign will not with its latest but its oldest expression, the Framers succeeded in identifying the people's authority with the Constitution, not with the statutory law made by their representatives. ~

**From:** El Dorado County Public Records Center <[eldoradocountyca@mycusthelp.net](mailto:eldoradocountyca@mycusthelp.net)>  
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**Subject:** Public Records Request :: P007693-031025

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## County of El Dorado

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### Public Records

Dear Melody Lane,

Pursuant to Government Code section 7922.525, et seq., I am writing in response to your Public Records Act ("PRA") request, received on March 10, 2025, regarding the Mt. Murphy Bridge Replacement CIP project.

Please note that all public record requests are limited only to records maintained in the normal course of business by the County and records that are within the County's custody, control, and access. Please also note that we will not produce records that are privileged or otherwise exempt from disclosure pursuant to State and Federal laws, including exemptions identified in Government Code section 7923.600, et seq., and additional exemptions specifically incorporated under Government Code section 7927.705. This includes documents pertaining to pending litigation or claims, and documents protected by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product, and official information privileges.

After a review, the County has determined that **it has additional non-exempt records** which are responsive to your request and to provide clarifying information to the items already provided. You can access these records by [Public Record Center](#).

- **Request #1:** You asked for, "Documentation identifying all government grants associated with the Mt. Murphy Bridge Replacement CIP since the date of its inception. Each individual grant must indicate the total amount of the grant and applied expenditures, as well as the time frame that the funds are to be utilized on the grant before they expire."
  - Response #1: A copy of the current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) book pages from the June 2024 CIP for the Mount Murphy Road at South Fork American River -- Bridge Replacement project was previously provided. These pages list all grant funds on the project which is the Highway Bridge Program (HBP) as 100% funding for the project. It also includes the amount of the grant funds and their estimated timeline for use. All CIP books can be found on our website here: <https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Land-Use/County-Projects/CIP-TIF-Program/Capital-Improvement-Program>. The Mt. Murphy Bridge 2025 CIP Spreadsheet that was previously provided shows the actual amount spent through June 2024 ("actual"), estimated budgets for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, and estimated budgets for the remaining fiscal years of the project through 2027/2028. The HBP timelines for funds to be utilized can be explained and found here: <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/lapg/g06.pdf>. A copy of the E-76 (Electronic Authorization to Proceed) is

provided. This document shows the amount of grant funding currently authorized for the project. There are no grant forfeitures.

- **Request #2:** You asked for, “What expenditures, if any, apply to the necessary maintenance/repairs to the 1.5 miles of Mt. Murphy Road bordering the Marshall Gold Discovery Park.”
  - Response #2: No HBP funds were spent on the maintenance/repairs to the 1.5 miles of Mt. Murphy Road bordering the Marshall Gold Discovery Park. The information for that project was provided to you under PRA #P007109-073024.
- **Request #3:** You asked for, “Staff correspondence and documents identifying the person responsible for the January 2025 accident that closed down the Mt. Murphy Bridge for two weeks, and the agency responsible for the repairs to the bridge.”
  - Response #3: These documents have already been provided under PRA #P007662-022425.

For records released today, you may access the records by visiting the El Dorado County Public Record Center at the following link: [Public Record Center](#). If you have any trouble accessing records, or concerns about information withheld, please contact my office as described below so that we can help resolve the problem. I am happy to assess your feedback. You can reach me at [dotengineering@edcgov.us](mailto:dotengineering@edcgov.us) or (530) 621-5900, select option 3 for engineering.

Sincerely,

Shanann Findley

Sr. Administrative Analyst

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To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [El Dorado County Public Records Center](#).



# Compass2Truth

*Citizens for Constitutional Liberty*

P.O. Box 598  
Coloma, CA 95613

February 13, 2025

To: District #4 Supervisor Lori Parlin  
BOS Chairman George Turnboo  
DOT Director Rafael Martinez  
Clerk of the Board Kim Dawson  
CAO Tiffany Schmid  
Chief Counsel David Livingston

## CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST P007644-021425

Pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I ask to obtain **via email**:

1. Documents identifying all government grants associated with the Mt. Murphy Bridge Replacement CIP since the date of its inception. Each grant must indicate the total amount of the grant funds, as well as the time frame that the funds are to be utilized on the CIP before they expire.
2. Documents identifying all government grant funds that have been spent thus far on the Mt. Murphy Bridge Replacement CIP for each of the aforementioned grants.
3. Staff correspondence and documents identifying the person responsible for the January 2025 accident that closed down the Mt. Murphy Bridge for two weeks, and the agency responsible for the repairs to the bridge.

To avoid unnecessary delays or costs of duplication, electronic copies are acceptable and may be emailed directly to [melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com) in **pdf format**. Access is always free. Fees for "inspection" or "processing" are prohibited. (§ 6253)

**The agency must justify the withholding of any record** by demonstrating that the record is exempt or that the public interest in confidentiality outweighs the public interest in disclosure. (§6255) **If you determine that some but not all of the information is exempt from disclosure and that you intend to withhold it, I ask that you provide a signed notification citing the specific legal authorities on whom you rely.**

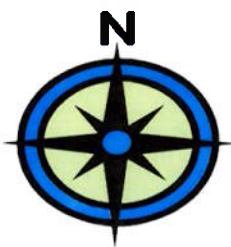
It is further requested that your determination be made within **10 days, or sooner**, as stipulated within the California Public Records Act, Government Code 6253(c). **\*Note these time periods may not be used solely to delay access to the records. (§ 6253(d))**

Please do not hesitate to contact me immediately if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Melody Lane*

**Founder – Compass2Truth**



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*Citizens for Constitutional Liberty*

P.O. Box 598  
Coloma, CA 95613

April 24, 2025

To: DOT Director Rafael Martinez  
District #4 Supervisor Lori Parlin  
BOS Chairman George Turnboo  
CAO Tiffany Schmid  
Chief Counsel David Livingston

## CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST P007845-042525

Pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I ask to obtain **via email**:

1. The Inspection Report for the DEFECTIVE double chip seal applied in July 2024 by American Pavement Systems to Mt. Murphy Road. Please ensure that the identity of the DOT Quality Assurance Inspector for the project Inspection Report is clearly legible.
2. Inspection Reports identifying **all other El Dorado County paving projects** covered by the 48-page American Pavement Systems contract signed by Supervisor Lori Parlin.
3. All correspondence between **DOT staff and American Pavement Systems** pertaining to **notification of defective workmanship** and their responsibility to "cure and correct" the defective double chip seal as per the APS contract. If no such correspondence exists, then please indicate immediately.
4. Please provide the **work order with the specific time frame** for American Pavement Systems, or any other agency identified, to "cure and correct" the defective double chip seal applied to Mt. Murphy Road. Such work order should also indicate the cost of the "cure and correct" project to be billed to American Pavement Systems at no cost to the County.

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