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BOS 7/11/12; Fwd: Caltrans Comments on DDRC

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Fri, Sep 7, 2012 at 4:40 PM

Cindy & Kathryn,

We just received this comment from Caltrans regarding Item #32 on next week's BOS meeting. They requested that we forward it to the BOS on their behalf. Thank you.

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From: **Rommel Pabalinas** <rommel.pabalinas@edcgov.us>
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Char:

Please find attached signed comment letter from Caltrans on DDRC, which will be heard by the BOS on 9/11. Please forward to BOS clerk.

Thank you.

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From: **Eric Fredericks** <eric_fredericks@dot.ca.gov>
Date: Fri, Sep 7, 2012 at 4:25 PM
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Hi Mel,

Per our discussion, here is the letter. Please pass along to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration.

Thanks,
Eric

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(See attached file: Caltrans DDRC 9-7-12.pdf)

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**Diamond Dorado Retail Center (DDRC) Project – Final Environmental Impact Report,
Conditions of Approval**

Dear Mr. Pabalinas:

Proposed Project

The DDRC project consists of 27.61 acres in the Diamond Springs area with 241,415 square feet of retail space to be developed in two distinct portions: the eastern portion, containing a single building of 160,572 square feet, and the western portion, containing seven building pads ranging in area from 3,300 square feet to 38,843 square feet. A request has been submitted to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors for certification of the Environmental Impact Report, adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program, and approval of a General Plan Amendment to change the land use designation from Industrial to Commercial.

Caltrans Concurrence Role

Caltrans previously stated that the EIR must acknowledge a “concurrence role” for Caltrans regarding the scope and findings of the planned traffic study indicated in the EIR that will determine the capacity of Caltrans facilities – i.e., the Missouri Flat Interchange and mainline Highway 50 in the vicinity of the Interchange--to determine if they can accommodate increased traffic from the DDRC, as well as the appropriate and needed Highway 50 and Interchange improvements. We appreciate the County's willingness to constrain the development to an amount to be determined by future analyses and improvements, as needed, but we cannot relinquish our authority as a Responsible Agency or stewards of the state highway system by placing the County in the sole role of determining the capacity of such facilities and acceptable mitigation in a future analysis.

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Mr. Mel Pabalinas, County of El Dorado
September 10, 2012
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Accordingly, the following modification is required for Mitigation Measure TRANS-3a:

“Prior to the issuance of building permits, the County, with written concurrence from Caltrans, will determine if the available traffic capacity at the Missouri Flat Road / Highway 50 Interchange is adequate for the project as demonstrated by an updated Traffic Impact Analysis.”

The current FEIR language for MM TRANS-3A is insufficient as it merely requires “...coordination with Caltrans”, rather than “with written concurrence from Caltrans”.

We commend the County for its coordination efforts with Caltrans on the “Project Study Report – Project Development Study (PSR-PDS) for State Route 49 Realignment – Diamond Springs Parkway (DSP)”, signed by the Caltrans District 3 Director on August 15, 2012. The language incorporated in this document establishes an adequate process to help ensure that the impacts from the DDRC on the Missouri Flat / Highway 50 interchange will be reduced to a less than significant level. Therefore, we request that the PSR-PDS be included as an appendix to the FEIR and identified as mitigation to ensure Missouri Flat Interchange and mainline Highway 50 impacts will be “less than significant”. Incorporating the above referenced changes will ensure consistency between the DDRC FEIR and the DSP PSR-PDS.

For any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (916) 274-0635, or Susan Wilson of my staff at (916) 274-0639.

Sincerely,



ERIC FREDERICKS, Chief
Office of Transportation Planning – South

c: Robert S. Slater, P.E., Assistant Director of Transportation, County of El Dorado DOT
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