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March 13, 2015

TO: Suzanne Melim, Project Engineer and Clark Peri, Project Manager, Caltrans District 3
FR: Supervisor Sue Novasel, District V, El Dorado County

RE: Input on the NOP for the Echo Summit Bridge Repair/Replacement Project, 2019

Dear Suzanne and Clark,

As the District V representative for the Board of Supervisors and El Dorado County constituents, businesses and communities on US Highway 50 from Lake Tahoe to Pollock Pines, I am directly focused on the details of the Echo Summit Bridge Repair/Replacement Project slated for 2019.

I appreciate that you held a public meeting in South Lake Tahoe on February 26th and hope to consolidate the productive information provided at that meeting, plus add my own thoughts and input herein.

At the open house, input included:

- Keep Johnson Pass open for local traffic.
- Prefer construction start in the Fall.
- Keep Highway 50 open on all holidays and weekends.
- Consider winter construction if another winter like the current one (2015).
- Make consecutive construction days.
- Keep two lanes open on weekends.
- Encourage construction crews be housed in Tahoe.
- Look at Mormon Immigrant Trail (aka Iron Mountain Road) as possible detour route.
- Utilize the best possible marketing, as was utilized for the I-5 closure and Echo Summit wall reconstruction for public information and outreach.
- Include Placerville in public meetings, as what happens in Tahoe affects the West Slope, as well.
- Conduct a Lake Tahoe and West Slope (Pollock Pines, Placerville) business leaders meetings.
- Hold a special meeting for the community of Meyers.
- Present on April 7, 2015, and future and frequent updates, to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer input. I look forward to working with you on a successful project.

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