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**FOLSOM**  
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June 17, 2013

Mr. Bard Lower, Director  
El Dorado County Dept. of Transportation  
2850 Fairlane Court  
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Mr. Lower,

The City of Folsom is preparing a grant application to fund the design and construction to widen Green Valley Road from two lanes to four lanes between East Natoma Street and Sophia Parkway. We would greatly appreciate a letter of support from El Dorado County, as this project will be a significant benefit for the residents of both of our jurisdictions.

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) manages a discretionary grant program and issues Calls for Projects on a biennial basis. The grant program consists of three, distinct funding areas: Bicycle/Pedestrian, Community Design, and Regional/Local. The City of Folsom intends to submit the Green Valley Road proposal as a Regional/Local funding program application.

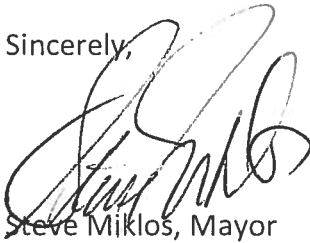
As you are aware, Green Valley Road is currently a two-lane, rural highway that links the community of El Dorado Hills to the City of Folsom. It also forms a segment in a road network that links southern Placer County, Folsom and western El Dorado County around Folsom Lake. The remaining roads in this Folsom Lake network, Folsom-Auburn Road, Folsom Lake Crossing, and East Natoma Street, have all been improved to four-lane capacity with Class II bicycle lanes and a median area. Green Valley Road was widened to four lanes from Sophia Parkway to El Dorado Hills Boulevard; therefore the segment from Sophia Parkway to East Natoma Street is the only chokepoint in the Folsom Lake road network.

By removing this bottleneck we can significantly improve traffic flow between the residential areas in south Placer and Folsom to the employment and retail centers in and around El Dorado Hills and Latrobe. The project would also benefit El Dorado County residents who use Green Valley Road to commute to employment in Sacramento or Placer County.

A small portion of the project would actually be constructed in El Dorado County (between the County Line and Sophia Parkway); however we are not seeking financial support from the County; we are only seeking a letter of support to send to SACOG along with our grant application. The grant application is due in mid-August, so we'd appreciate your written support no later than the end of July.

We hope that we can count on El Dorado County's support for this important, regional connection between our two jurisdictions. If you have any questions regarding this effort, please contact Mark Rackovan, Section Manager/Transportation at (916) 351-3370 or [mrackovan@folsom.ca.us](mailto:mrackovan@folsom.ca.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Miklos', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Steve Miklos, Mayor

c: City Council  
City Manager  
PW/CDD Director  
M. Rackovan, PW