

Public Comment #32
BOS RC120. 1-6-23

From: melody.lane@reagan.com
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2023 2:07 PM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board; Kim Dawson; Lori Parlin; BOS-District V; BOS-District IV; BOS-District I; BOS-District III; BOS-District II
Cc: Joseph Carruesco; Donald Ashton
Subject: Please publicly post BOS 1/10/23 Public Comments - Closed Session Item #32 - DOT Director Performance Evaluation
Attachments: DOT R Martinez Mt Murphy Rd OES 1-5-23.docx; 9-10-18 DOT Mt Murphy Road.docx; 6-26-20 DOT Mt Murphy Rd PRA002628-051320.docx; 5-12-20 Mt Murphy Rd Hazardous Mitigation.docx; 4-19-22 OF DOT Mt Murphy Public Safety.docx; 4-12-22 DOT Mt Murphy Rd Particulate Matter.docx; 5-17-22 31-Mt Murphy Bridge CIP.docx

Please ensure the entirety of this correspondence, and all attachments, are timely distributed via GovDelivery and posted to the 1/10/23 BOS Closed Session Item #32 – DOT Director Performance Evaluation.

Mr. Martinez has been woefully negligent in his job performance and duty to provide public services pursuant to his oaths of office. The most recent example is the attached 1/5/23 Mt. Murphy Road Landslide OES Public Safety issue. Further evidence is contained in the attached documents which have been previously entered into the public record. Accordingly, all these documents should also be entered into his personnel file for repeated failure to abide by his oaths, Good Governance, and personnel policies. Under SB 807, California law requires that documented complaints, such as this, be investigated and retained in the employee's personnel file for a minimum of four years. In the event of a lawsuit, an employer may be required to produce these records. Failure to do so can lead to fines and other adverse actions.

The BOS has been notified on numerous occasions about DOT's poor management, and lack of transparency or accountability. Therefore, each of the Supervisors are culpable and liable for permitting Rafael's malfeasance to continue unabated. At the very least Rafael Martinez should be disciplined, if not permanently dismissed from EDC employment.

Sincerely,

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

All authority belongs to the people...in questions of power, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution. ~ Thomas Jefferson ~

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

Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2023 8:57 PM

To: 'Rafael Martinez' <Rafael.Martinez@edcgov.us>; 'TD-Maintenance' <road.maintenance@edcgov.us>; 'Lori Parlin' <lori.parlin@edcgov.us>; 'Bryan Golmitz' <GolmitzB@edso.org>; 'Donald Ashton' <don.ashton@edcgov.us>; 'David A Livingston' <david.livingston@edcgov.us>; jason.dewall@parks.ca.gov; liekaufj@edso.org

Cc: 'Kelly D. Carnahan' <Kelly.Carnahan@edcgov.us>; 'Shelley Wiley' <Shelley.Wiley@edcgov.us>; 'Craig Lorge' <Craig.Lorge@parks.ca.gov>; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov; tom.pagan@parks.ca.gov; 'Armando Quintero' <Armando.Quintero@parks.ca.gov>; Parveen Kasraee <Parveen.Kasraee@parks.ca.gov>

Subject: RE: Mt. Murphy Road landslide - Public Safety Issue

Rafael, et al,

You sound like a broken record. Once again you failed to respond appropriately and diverted the issues with your unacceptable canned reply.

Like everyone else in California, I am perfectly aware of the new storm front and who to call in the event of an emergency. So, let's get down to brass tacks about your role as a **taxpayer-funded public servant** whose responsibility it is to **provide public services**. (This applies to everyone addressed in this correspondence.)

Citizens are at the very top of the chain of command—*not* CAO Don Ashton, Comrade Parlin, or the Sheriff. It is a First Amendment right to petition government (you) for redress of grievances (Mt. Murphy DOT/OES public safety matters.) You are accountable to constituents who are entitled to honest services. However, you have consistently failed respond appropriately to phone calls, emails, and verbal or written PRAs. Furthermore, you have been arrogant, dishonest, totally lacking in transparency, in violation of your oaths of office, as well as your failure to abide by Good Governance and EDC Personnel policies. (For example: your unacceptable conduct in the presence of **Lori Parlin during the Mt. Murphy Bridge meetings, and the 7/11/22 Taxpayers Association** meeting when you were the speaker.)

These DOT/OES issues still need to be addressed without further delay:

1. You never responded as to why DOT staff failed to put up the cones after I reported the landslide at 2:45 PM on 12/31/22?
2. Due to DOT negligence, a young man had a close brush with disaster on New Year's Eve at the *same site* a man lost his life approximately 18-20 years ago. Mt. Murphy Road is a county-maintained road, and the major thoroughfare between the Marshall Gold Discovery Park on Hwy 49 through Garden Valley. The segment between my home and the crest of the road is **Marshall Gold Discovery Park public land**. Who bears the responsibility for necessary road REPAIRS and LIABILITY in the event another life is lost due to such negligence? (i.e., Paradise Fire scenario)
3. You also didn't respond as to why DOT cleared up the landslide debris that tore through two of my neighbor's properties onto the paved portions of Bayne and lower Mt. Murphy Roads surrounding the **evacuated Coloma Resort**, yet DOT failed to clear the road leading to **resident's homes affected by the rockslide that originated on MGD Park land**.
4. Was it you, or County Counsel, who issued the directive to your assistant Kelley, and other DOT staff, not to speak with me or respond to my phone calls? Note: **MGD Park staff also failed to respond to my phone call** necessitating that I walk down to Park Headquarters on New Year's Day to request ranger Craig Lorge have staff immediately put cones on both ends of Mt. Murphy Road.
5. It would be recklessly irresponsible for EDC to move forward with replacement of the Mt. Murphy Bridge without properly addressing the egress and safety aspects of **re-engineering the precariously eminent collapse of this segment of Mt. Murphy Road**. Residents have expressed concerns for decades about the "Bridge to Nowhere", but our inquiries have been ignored or obfuscated by government bureaucrats. *Now the road must be made a priority*. Obviously, it is not going to be a

cheap endeavor, but it must be addressed now. What are the funding sources available for the repairs/resurfacing of the road, and what are the timeframe adjustments for the bridge replacement?

6. What is the purpose of DOT promoting the FALSE information about Mt. Murphy Road is a **dirt section**, and **no residences impacted**??? **County Road Closures:** Mount Murphy Road dirt section at Carver and Terra View Lane; no estimated time of reopening, no residences impacted. ← ??? The sway tore through the properties of three residents all the way down to the Coloma Resort!! Mt. Murphy Road is NOT a DIRT road as DOT and EDSO falsely asserts. It is, and always has been, a **SOLID SURFACE ASPHALT ROAD** for the entirety of approximately 6.5 miles where the road ends at Marshall Grade in Garden Valley. Note the below photos with clear evidence of the former solid asphalt surface:

Washed away down to the old asphalt from the 30's or 20's. (photo courtesy of a neighbor, S.M.)



These are closeup views of approximately 6-12 inches of **SOLID ASPHALT** about to give way into the steep ravine:





Chunks of SOLID ASPHALT in Mt. Murphy Road strewn length of ditch. Also note loose DOT gravel:



Over the past 25 years we have had numerous meetings with EDC and State Parks staff to address the Mt. Murphy Road problems. In 2006 DOT finally graded the ruts/potholes and applied a solid asphalt surface which remedied the talcum-fine particulate matter that had plagued residents every dry season. A few years later DOT began demolishing the asphalt, then spread **raw dirt bladed from the ditches mixed with gravel and asphalt grindings that NEVER COMPACTED**. Within weeks the potholes and ruts became just as bad as before DOT “annual maintenance”, **a total waste of taxpayer’s resources**.

I anticipate your speedy and comprehensive response to each of the above enumerated items.

Sincerely,

Melody Lane

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Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2023 7:57 AM

To: melody.lane@reagan.com; TD-Maintenance <road.maintenance@edcgov.us>; Lori Parlin <lori.parlin@edcgov.us>; leikaufj@edso.org <Jeff.Leikauf@edso.org>; Bryan Golmitz <GolmitzB@edso.org>;

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Cc: Kelly D. Carnahan <Kelly.Carnahan@edcgov.us>; Shelley Wiley <Shelley.Wiley@edcgov.us>; Craig Lorge <Craig.Lorge@parks.ca.gov>; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov

Subject: RE: Mt. Murphy Road landslide - Public Safety Issue

Melody,

Thank you for the information. It looks like we have several more severe storms in the forecast; if you encounter an emergency, the best number to call is our maintenance department at 530-642-4909, or if it is life and death, of course, call 911.

Sincerely,

Rafael Martinez

Director

County of El Dorado

Department of Transportation

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

Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 6:51 PM

To: Rafael Martinez <Rafael.Martinez@edcgov.us>; TD-Maintenance <road.maintenance@edcgov.us>; Lori Parlin <lori.parlin@edcgov.us>; leikaufj@edso.org <Jeff.Leikauf@edso.org>; Bryan Golmitz <GolmitzB@edso.org>; Donald Ashton <don.ashton@edcgov.us>; David A Livingston <david.livingston@edcgov.us>; jason.dewall@parks.ca.gov

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Subject: RE: Mt. Murphy Road landslide - Public Safety Issue

You don't often get email from melody.lane@reagan.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Rafael, et al,

I have zero-tolerance for government excuses, much less arrogant public servants who **refuse to provide public services to constituents or respond to PRA requests.**

Communication is a two-way street. You are aware CAO Don Ashton ordered IT to block/censor my emails except those addressed to department heads and the BOS. Apparently the directive was also given to MGD and EDC staff **not** to acknowledge email **read-receipts** or return phone my phone calls. This was made evident by numerous messages, such as the one I received below, that were **“deleted without being read”**:

From: Smith, Barry@Parks <Barry.Smith@parks.ca.gov>
To: melody.lane@reagan.com
Subject: Not read: RE: Mt. Murphy Road landslide - Public Safety Issue

Your message

To: Smith, Barry@Parks
Subject: RE: Mt. Murphy Road landslide - Public Safety Issue
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 4:41:32 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

was deleted without being read on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 8:09:11 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

DOT has a nasty habit of obfuscating and diverting road conditions/bridge egress issues. This is also an OES issue. You never responded as to why DOT failed to put up the cones after I reported the landslide 12/31/22 at 2:45 PM. Consequently, the young driver of the white truck on Mt. Murphy Road for the very first time that night had a very close brush with death due to DOT's gross negligence. Fortunately, he overcompensated at the last second and swerved to the right, but just imagine the liability repercussions had he gone over the edge and died at the bottom of the steep rock-strewn ravine.

You also didn't respond as to why DOT cleared up the landslide debris that tore through two of my neighbor's properties onto the paved portions of Bayne and lower Mt. Murphy Roads surrounding the Coloma Resort, yet DOT failed to clear the road leading further up the road to resident's homes at 6800 and 6771 Mt. Murphy Road?

I just got off the phone with El Dorado Disposal. The person I spoke with insisted that they were **unaware of the situation on Mt. Murphy Road and denied ever being contacted by the county, nor did they say "they would be reaching out to the residents" as you falsely stated.**

Rafael, you've established an unsavory reputation for making false statements multiple times before. Where I come from, people who aren't truthful are called liars. Never forget my taxes pay your salary, therefore you work for me.

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

"You need a new Board [of Supervisors]. All of them. Hold their feet to the fire. Mine too. I work for you." Sheriff John D'Agostini – August 16, 2011

From: Rafael Martinez <Rafael.Martinez@edcgov.us>
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 3:10 PM
To: melody.lane@reagan.com; TD-Maintenance <road.maintenance@edcgov.us>
Cc: Kelly D. Carnahan <Kelly.Carnahan@edcgov.us>
Subject: RE: Mt. Murphy Road landslide - Public Safety Issue

Hello Melody,

I have received your voicemail and emails, and Kelly (my assistant whom you spoke to earlier) let me know you called her as well. I understand your concerns; please know that staff is working 12-hour shifts/7 days a

week right now to try and triage all of the emergencies that have resulted from the storm and will continue to do so throughout the subsequent storms.

Mt. Murphy is washed out and closed from Carvers to Tera View. Transportation staff has been out to assess Mt. Murphy Rd and has determined that residents and emergency vehicles can reach their homes either from the north using Marshall Road or the south using US49. Staff acknowledges that the condition of Mt Murphy Rd is rough right now, unfortunately there are many of those similar situations all throughout the County and we must prioritize based on the severity of the issues. That being said, staff will keep an eye on the road as time allows and will be out to repair it as soon as possible. We have also contacted El Dorado Disposal and shared the condition of the road. They said they would be reaching out to the residents.

Additionally, I wanted to share some information on sandbags and have added that as an attachment.

It looks like we have several more severe storms in the forecast; if you encounter an emergency, the best number to call is our maintenance department at 530-642-4909, or if it is life and death, of course, call 911.

Wishing you health and safety.

Sincerely,
Rafael Martinez
Director

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

Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 4:42 PM

To: TD-Maintenance <road.maintenance@edcgov.us>; Rafael Martinez <Rafael.Martinez@edcgov.us>; 'Craig Lorge' <Craig.Lorge@parks.ca.gov>; Lori Parlin <lori.parlin@edcgov.us>

Cc: Shelley Wiley <Shelley.Wiley@edcgov.us>; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov; jason.dewall@parks.ca.gov; Jeff Leikauf <Jeff.Leikauf@edso.org>; BOS-District V <bosfive@edcgov.us>; BOS-District IV <bosfour@edcgov.us>; BOS-District I <bosone@edcgov.us>; BOS-District III <bosthree@edcgov.us>; BOS-District II <bostwo@edcgov.us>

Subject: RE: Mt. Murphy Road landslide - Public Safety Issue

Importance: High

Rafael, Craig, and Lori:

On 12/31/22 around 2:45 PM I called and emailed DOT to report the landslide on Mt. Murphy Road advising that cones needed to be immediately set up at Carvers Road and atop Mt. Murphy Rd. The DOT maintenance guy I talked to said he'd have one of the crew members on duty at the Mosquito Road site come out to block off the road immediately, **but nobody ever showed up with cones or signs to avert the danger.**

Consequently, a guy drove up the road in the dark where he ended up getting his truck stuck against a boulder and had to be pulled out by a neighbor with a wench-equipped Jeep. PLEASE NOTE: Anyone coming down Mt. Murphy Road from Garden Valley in the dark would NOT have seen the precariously unstable condition of the road on the opposite side of the landslide:



When it was obvious that DOT failed to put out cones on 12/31, I called the MGDGP visitor center on New Years Day to speak with Craig Lorge who was the ranger on duty. I explained the Mt. Murphy landslide, the precarious situation, and the necessity to put up cones ASAP as this was a **public safety issue**. The person I spoke with would not connect me with Craig, but I was assured he'd convey the message to have Craig call me ASAP.

After waiting **more than an hour** for Mr. Lorge to return my call, I finally hiked down to the Park Headquarters where I found Craig seated alone in his office. When I inquired as to whether he received my message, Craig affirmed "Yes." But when I asked why he didn't return my call, he replied, "I was busy assisting visitors to the Park." My next question was, "Did they tell you WHY I wanted you to call me back ASAP?" Craig replied defensively, "What seems to be the problem?" That's when I showed him the photos of the landslide and the sway in front of my driveway that you all should have viewed by now. BTW, this is what the lower portion of Mt. Murphy approaching Carvers Road looked like on New Years Day:

By the time I hiked back up the road my neighbors awaited me in my driveway. Thankfully, the men moved the large rocks, spent over an hour unplugging my culvert to divert the flow of water/debris, then returned with a caterpillar tractor to clear a path out of my driveway:



Yesterday when I left my home for the first time in 5 days, I found the lower portion of Mt. Murphy Road to have been leveled by DOT, and the sway cleared entirely from Bayne Road and around the Coloma Resort. The question now is, why didn't DOT bother to level the **county maintained** road in front of my home?



DOT dirt/gravel maintenance atop former **HARD SURFACE** of road



Lastly, El Dorado Disposal is scheduled to arrive early Thursday morning and my driveway is their turn-around point. With the cones/signs now positioned at Carver's Road, my neighbors and I are concerned that scheduled ED Disposal and propane services will not be able to get through to Mt. Murphy Road.

Please advise ASAP what the county is doing to mitigate the necessary road repairs and other services.

Sincerely,

Melody Laxe

Founder – Compass2Truth

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From: melody.lane@reagan.com <melody.lane@reagan.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 1, 2023 10:40 AM
To: road.maintenance@edcgov.us; rafael.martinez@edcgov.us; Craig Lorge <Craig.Lorge@parks.ca.gov>
Cc: lori.parlin@edcgov.us; Shelley Wiley <shelley.wiley@edcgov.us>; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov
Subject: Mt. Murphy Road landslide
Importance: High

Mt. Murphy Road needs to be blocked off with cones at Carvers Rd as well as at the top of Mt. Murphy in Garden Valley. Reported landslide to DOT at 2:45 yesterday.

Meanwhile a guy with a 4WD got stuck late last night and a neighbor just towed him out of a very precarious situation with a Jeep this morning. ROAD IS VERY UNSTABLE AT POINT OF LANDSLIDE. Primary landslide is approx. ¼ mile up the road past my home, 6771 Mt. Murphy Rd. This is the sway in front of my driveway, but some rocks are too large for me to move by myself:



Landslide area:









Melody Lane

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From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]




Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 7:24 PM

To: 'John Edwards'; rafael.martinez@edcgov.us; Michael Ranalli

Cc: 'Brian Mullens'; shiva.frentzen@edcgov.us; brian.veerkamp@edcgov.us; john.hidahl@edcgov.us; sue.novasel@edcgov.us; Brenda Bailey; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov; Mike Howard; Jason DeWall

Subject: RE: Mt. Murphy Road maintenance...Bridge to nowhere

Subject: FW: Mt. Murphy Road maintenance...Bridge to nowhere

Attached:  Ranalli DOT Mt Murphy 6-19-15.doc (39 KB);  Bayne Rd Improvements Air Qual 10-17-12.doc (43 KB);  7-15-11 MGDP DOT EDSO.doc (102 KB)

Mr. Ranalli et al,

Not only did you avoid residents questions during the Mt. Murphy Bridge-to-nowhere meeting on September 5th, you still haven't replied regarding the important topics of **public safety, egress, and rapidly deteriorating road conditions.**

Please review the correspondence below, and note the highlights in the attachments as they pertain to the River Management Plan, the American River Conservancy & CA State Parks.

How much longer do you intend to kick this can down the road?

Elections are fast approaching, so don't forget who you work for.

Melody Lane

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From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]

Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 10:55 AM

To: 'John Edwards'; rafael.martinez@edcgov.us; Michael Ranalli

Cc: 'Brian Mullens'; shiva.frentzen@edcgov.us; brian.veerkamp@edcgov.us; john.hidahl@edcgov.us; sue.novasel@edcgov.us; Brenda Bailey; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov; Mike Howard (Mike.Howard@parks.ca.gov)

Subject: RE: Mt. Murphy Road maintenance...

John, Rafael, & Supervisor Ranalli:

John's response is contrary to our conversation yesterday when he agreed to meet to do a site inspection of Mt. Murphy today. His excuses and diversion tactics are also evidence of the county's Bureaucratic Shenanigans and typical poor resource management.

Furthermore, John's explanation failed to address the concerns about the previously HARD SURFACE on the lower 1/3 mile of Mt. Murphy Rd. that has been regularly DESTROYED by DOT crews, the CEQA issues pertaining to the clouds of particulate matter, and the ditches that need larger rocks re-distributed due to the heavy rain washouts @ Carvers & Mt. Murphy roads.

As I indicated yesterday, this is a PUBLIC SAFETY issue. With a multi-million dollar expenditure for the proposed Mt. Murphy Bridge replacement, it does not make economic sense to apply a temporary Band Aid to

the condition of the previously HARD SURFACED road accessed by hundreds of thousands of annual visitors to the MGD Park. Residents are NOT asking that the road be widened. We need it to be REPAIRED and PROPERLY MAINTAINED to enable adequate egress especially in the event of another emergency such as wildfire.

Don't forget who pays your salary. Please reply promptly...

1. Why was only ONE HALF of the road graded prior to spreading & compacting dirt & gravel on the (2006) previously HARD SURFACE in front of my home?
2. Presuming John Edwards is his boss, am I to presume Brian Mullens is the project supervisor responsible for Mt. Murphy Road?
3. WHO exactly has oversight and is responsible for determining WHERE asphalt grindings are to be distributed on this project?
4. WHEN will high quality asphalt grindings be used on the lower 1/3 mile to control the airborne particulate matter caused by increased traffic on Mt. Murphy Road? (Refer to attached documents and note Bayne Road is the lower boundary of my property: *Air quality engineers estimated that the Bayne Road paving project will take 274 pound per year of particulate matter out of the air.*)

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

"If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools." ~ Plato ~

From: John Edwards [mailto:john.edwards@edcgov.us]

Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 9:40 AM

To: Melody Lane

Cc: Brian Mullens

Subject: Re: Mt. Murphy Road maintenance...

Mrs. Lane,

I will not be in that area today. As I explained yesterday during our phone conversation this project will entail cleaning the ditches and grading the surface of the dirt road to alleviate any potholes or rutting and establishing a smoother surface for traffic to travel on. Asphalt grindings will be placed in areas as determined by the project supervisor.

Regards,

On Wed, Jun 6, 2018, 4:29 PM Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com> wrote:

Hello John,

Pursuant to our conversation today, please see below the 2006 email that I addressed to Don Spear and Tom Celio concerning the HARD SURFACING of the lower 1/3 mile of Mt. Murphy. Although technically not hot asphalt, the effects using a superior grade of decomposed asphalt were essentially the same. For a few years afterwards DOT actually used hot asphalt to repair some of the worst potholes. Please note as well the attached letter which addresses many of the same public safety concerns that have been perpetually avoided.

We're right back to the same old problems: clouds of particulate matter, rock & road erosion, necessary car repairs, and emergency egress especially in the event of yet another wildfire, flood or landslide. As I mentioned, five arson fires were ignited either directly on my property or within ¼ mile of my property within an eight year period. Lack of egress due to traffic congestion at the Mt. Murphy Bridge is a major concern frequently raised during public meetings by residents living on the north side of the river, topics which past and present public officials have been reticent to properly address.

The lighter areas in the below photograph taken today are what remain today of the 2006 HARD SURFACING of Mt. Murphy Road. Note only the right side of the road was graded leaving several big bumps on the left.

(Image removed)

While we were on the phone your crews laid an inferior mix of dirt & rocks atop this portion of the road, watered it down, and then compacted it:

(Image removed)

As of 4 PM the below photo is what Mt. Murphy Road looks like now:

(Image removed)

It is evident this is mainly mud, NOT decomposed asphalt as your crewleader claimed. If left in this state, within just a few weeks Mt. Murphy residents will again have to deal with the same problems of pot holes, washboard bumps and particulate clouds. I think you'll agree that is not a wise use of taxpayers resources.

Then there is still the problem of re-lining the ditches with rocks for erosion control.

As we discussed, please give me a call tomorrow when you are in the area so we can do a site inspection together, (530) 642-1670.

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

“The time is now near at hand which must probably determine, whether Americans are to be, Freemen, or Slaves; whether they are to have any property they can call their own; whether their Houses, and Farms, are to be pillaged and destroyed, and they consigned to a State of Wretchedness from which no human efforts will probably deliver them. The fate of unborn Millions will now depend, under God, on the Courage and Conduct of this army” ~ Gen. George Washington, to his troops before the battle of Long Island ~

From: Melody Lane

To: Don Spear

Cc: Tom Celio

Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2006 10:04 PM

Subject: Mt. Murphy Road & Bayne Road

Hi Don:

Just wanted to take a moment to thank you and your crew for doing such a terrific job on the 36" culvert & fencing on the lower portion of my property down on Bayne Road. On behalf of all my neighbors that traverse Mt. Murphy Road, we especially appreciate the decomposed asphalt that I anticipate will arrest the erosion problems from the winter rains that turn our road into an obstacle course. This will also eliminate a lot of stirred up dust, frequent car washes & the necessity for regular tire realignments. Just goes to prove that the squeaky wheel gets the asphalt after all. ;-)

One last question though--Is DOT is still planning on lining the ditches on Mt. Murphy with rocks up to Above Trouble in 2006 to prevent further heavy erosion as you and I discussed a couple months ago? Without the rocks, I can easily imagine the sides of the road giving way again to the torrents of runoff like we experienced last year making the road nearly impassable where it intersects with Carvers Road.

Again, thanks a million for these much needed improvements.

Have a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year,

Melody Lane

Above Trouble

Coloma, CA

From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 4:04 PM
To: 'Lori Parlin'
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Subject: RE: Mt. Murphy Road DOT crews & CPRA #P002628-051320

Lori,

There still has not been an appropriate response from you in regard to these public safety issues involving the restoration of the SOLID SURFACE to Mt. Murphy Road. Your cut-n-paste of Shelly Wiley's response is unacceptable and insulting. Additionally DOT remains unresponsive to constituent concerns, as well as to CPRA# P002628-051320. Therefore, pursuant to your oaths of office, it is incumbent upon you to reply and ensure that Rafael Martinez and DOT staff do their jobs.

Since my last correspondence there have been three major storms that caused dirt, mud and debris to totally obstruct the culverts beneath the driveways of three residents on the lower portion of Mt. Murphy Road. Photos were provided to you, DOT and to the BOS. DOT caused the damage due to improper road "maintenance", therefore the county is responsible for fixing the problem--that's what our taxes pay for.

Furthermore, the air quality from particulate matter stirred up by increased traffic creates a health hazard, and the eroded ditches from the rain runoff has created a public safety hazard on the one-lane road. Couple that with the lack of an emergency evacuation plan, overcrowding at the Coloma Resort, and lack of egress at a time when wildfires are a major concern to residents on the north side of the one-lane Mt. Murphy bridge, and you have a recipe for a disaster just waiting to happen.

You are being paid to do a job, so don't ignore this issue or hand it off to someone else. Residents have grown tired of your lack of response to these public safety concerns. Your comprehensive response is expected ASAP.

Melody Lane

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From: Lori Parlin [mailto:lori.parlin@edcgov.us]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:00 AM
To: Melody Lane
Subject: Re: Mt. Murphy Road DOT crews

Melody,

We will check in with DOT on this.

Lori Parlin

El Dorado County District IV Supervisor

Phone: (530) 621-6513

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On Tue, May 12, 2020 at 5:21 PM Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com> wrote:

Lori Parlin is personally responsible for responding to this message. She is still being paid to do a job, so no more Bureaucratic Shenanigans or handing this off to the lowest man on the totem pole.

In only two weeks compacted dirt and gravel will quickly turn into a lumpy washboard surface. ***Fix the road with a SOLID SURFACE as it was before!***

Furthermore, there is no excuse for the blatant disrespect shown me by the DOT staff today. Rafael needs to deal with their conduct and report back to me the steps he is taking to ensure his staff makes the necessary attitude adjustment.

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From: shelley.wiley@edcgov.us [mailto:shelley.wiley@edcgov.us] **On Behalf Of** BOS Four

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 4:30 PM

To: Melody Lane

Subject: Re: Mt. Murphy Road DOT crews

Melody,

We will check in with DOT on this.

Sincerely,

Shelley Wiley

Assistant to Supervisor Lori Parlin, District IV

Board of Supervisors, County of El Dorado

Phone: (530) 621-6513

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On Tue, May 12, 2020 at 12:44 PM Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com> wrote:

Lori & Rafael,

Apparently the DOT crews on Mt. Murphy today have been given orders not to speak with me. When I tried to flag down the trucks backing down the road this morning, they refused to stop. Moments ago I heard the crews stop around the corner a hundred feet past my property, so I hiked up there to find them sitting in the middle of the road having lunch. None of the crew would respond or even give me eye contact when I approached them and asked what was going on. I also inquired what kind of surface was being applied and why residents weren't given notice. There still was no response or eye contact from the crew when I asked who was in charge.

When I persisted, Mike was the first to respond, and when I asked who his boss was, he referred me to the bearded fellow seated next to him by the name of Dan. When I asked Dan for his title and who his boss was, he replied, Brian Mullens, and Rafael Martinez was Brian's boss. Dan called me by name, then very impudently told me to talk to Brian or Rafael. I audio recorded the brief exchange, but it was evident none of the DOT crew had any intention of being cooperative.

Need you be reminded, these are public employees whose salaries are paid by taxpayers. The county is NOT "maintaining" this heavily trafficked District #4 road—it is being *destroyed* at taxpayer's expense. The lower 1/3 mile of Mt. Murphy Road needs to be repaired and restored to a solid surface.

Furthermore, the **No Parking** signs need to be replaced that were removed from the area where the DOT crews are seated. This is an issue previously addressed with MGD Superintendent Jeremy McReynolds and Supervisors Briggs and Ranalli who all thumbed their noses at constituent concerns. Rafael Martinez has also laughed off his responsibility in this regard during a Taxpayers meeting last year.

Despite the pandemic restrictions, the county is NOT on vacation and you are all still drawing salaries. The lower 1/3 of Mt. Murphy Road needs to be restored to a solid surface, NOT dirt and gravel which is a public health hazard. Lori Parlin needs to immediately address constituent concerns pursuant to her oaths of office.

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From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:46 AM

To: 'Rafael Martinez'; 'Lori Parlin'

Cc: matt.smeltzer@edcgov.us; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov; Mike Howard; bosfive@edcgov.us; bosfour; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us

Subject: RE: Mt. Murphy Road needs proper REPAIR, restored to solid surface

Rafael and Lori,

As you can see by the below photos, Mt. Murphy used to be a SOLID SURFACE. Previous “annual maintenance” of this county maintained road bordering the Marshall Gold Discovery Park actually resulted in the degradation of the solid surface thus reducing it to public safety/health hazard. Visitors from out of county have been parking on the one-lane road as well as on private property in order to access the hiking trails, and now that we are in fire season, this becomes a greater concern to residents:







Grading of the solid surface and replacing dirt/gravel has resulted in huge clouds of particulate matter invading homes and affecting the quality of health of residents. Winter rains cause erosion and deep ruts, which further wreaks havoc on our automobiles.



In order to traverse the road, residents have recently filled in the deep ruts with large rocks from the ditches and shoveled gravel where necessary:





Mt. Murphy Road has become a speedway for motorcyclists and crazy drivers. On 5/9/20 twenty one motorcyclists speed up Mt. Murphy Road stirring up huge clouds of particulate matter forcing me and my dog inside to escape inhaling the dirt that rose higher than the treetops. This has become a regular occurrence affecting the property values and quality of life of residents on the portion of the road that is no longer paved as it once was:



On 5/7/20 it was necessary for me to call CHP to report an individual in a blue pickup truck fishtailing up Mt. Murphy Road at what I estimated to be 60 MPH who ended up getting stuck in the 2 foot ditch about 40 feet beyond the corner of my property. Before I could reach him, he put the truck in 4 wheel drive, backed out of the ditch and continued dangerously fishtailing up the road like a bat out of hell leaving a cloud of dirt in his wake:



Such incidents are happening on a regular basis and are increasing, yet for years the county has turned a blind eye and deaf ear to our petitions to re-pave the lower 1/3 mile of the road and restore it to a solid surface. Even with the pandemic restrictions, traffic on Mt. Murphy Road has increased which endangers the public safety, health and quality of life of local residents.

Lori: Please respond ASAP about addressing this perpetual DOT problem.

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From: Rafael Martinez [mailto:rafael.martinez@edcgov.us]

Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 7:40 AM

To: Melody Lane

Cc: Lori Parlin; Brian Mullens; Lloyd Ogan

Subject: Re: Mt. Murphy Road Hazardous Mitigation - another stuck truck

Ms Lane,

Yes the County does still pursue Air Quality Management District Grant funds. As a matter of fact we were just awarded some money from AQMD in November. But unfortunately the County has got to many needs and not enough funding to get around. We currently have hundreds of other dirt roads in the County that are in the same or if not worse condition the Mt Murphy.

These AQMD grants come around every two years, I will promise you this, I will have staff look into applying for Mt Murphy during the 2020 round. Although lately "roadway dust mitigation" has not been a success candidate, but its worth looking into. I will keep you posted starting early 2020.

Sincerely,

Rafael Martinez

Director

County of El Dorado

Department of Transportation

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On Fri, May 17, 2019 at 10:58 PM Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com> wrote:

Hello Rafael,

In route to my home today a deliveryman encountered the below vehicle stuck in the deep ditch on Mt. Murphy Road so he requested I call CHP to the scene. He also commented on the terrible condition of the road making it difficult to navigate his delivery truck. By the time I got there the driver of the vehicle had already disappeared.

As we discussed before, this is a very common occurrence on an increasingly trafficked road which could be catastrophic especially in the event of another Mt. Murphy fire:



Mt. Murphy Road connects both sides of the Marshall Gold Discovery Park but it hasn't been properly repaired since 2006 when I persuaded Don Spear to pave the lower 1/3 mile to reduce particulate matter and produce a much smoother ride.

Annual road maintenance has become a joke, not to mention a waste of taxpayers resources. Residents choke on clouds of dirt stirred up by increased traffic, yet DOT remains unresponsive to resident's air quality and health concerns. A grant was used to pave Bayne Road and reduce particulate, and apparently more of those grants are available to DOT. (See attached press release) When I asked you about the availability of grants during Monday's Taxpayers meeting you took great pains to avoid answering me. Inquiring minds would like to know where have those tax resources and grant funds disappeared?

Chief Ogan agreed the road and ditches are in desperate need of IMPROVEMENTS and it's obvious it's long overdue for REPAIRS. In most places there is insufficient egress for emergency equipment and evacuees to pass or pull out. However the lack of an EVACUATION PLAN for residents on the north side of the Mt. Murphy bridge also needs to be addressed.

For decades DOT, CalTrans, Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council, and District #4 supervisors have avoided resident's concerns by kicking the can down the road. We need your cooperation to remedy the situation before it turns into another tragedy. What's it going to take to get the road fixed?





Just last month another truck used my driveway to turn around, backed straight into the 3-foot ditch blocking the road, and had to be towed out:



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My purpose today is to address the unresponsiveness of DOT and Lori Parlin to public health and safety concerns about Mt. Murphy Road which was a solid surface until DOT began annually destroying the hard pavement by grading and applying raw dirt and gravel. Bayne Road is the lower boundary of my property: ***Air quality engineers estimated that the Bayne Road paving project took 274 pounds per year of particulate matter out of the air.***

After our meeting in 2011 DOT Director Jim Ware and MGD Superintendent Jeremy McReynolds walked Mt. Murphy with me so they could personally see that the original paved surface. We've also met with former Directors Tom Celio and Don Spear about the atrocious conditions of this major thoroughfare from Coloma to Garden Valley.

THIS is a segment of the road that was torn up, and THIS is a small sample of the raw dirt and particulate matter that is entering our homes and lungs.

The county has two decades worth of correspondence and evidence, yet they continue to ignore these concerns and destroy the road surface using taxpayer funds. The Mt. Murphy Bridge replacement goes hand in hand with REPAIRS made to the road surface. Adding insult to injury, Rafael Martinez has either ignored or lied to residents. Same for Lori Parlin. In so doing they have denied citizens remedy to their grievances.

Madam Clerk, you will be receiving substantiating documents later which I expect to be entered into the public record.

But the question that I expect to be answered now is whether or not Lori Parlin will abide by her constitutional oaths and address TODAY these public safety issues.

From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 4:18 PM
To: lori.parlin@edcgov.us; rafael.martinez@edcgov.us; road.maintenance@edcgov.us
Cc: 'Shelley Wiley'; 'Tonya Digiorno'; 'Donald Ashton'; david.livingston@edcgov.us; bosfive@edcgov.us; 'bosfour'; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us
Subject: RE: Mt. Murphy Road repairs - particulate matter/public safety concerns
Importance: High

Lori and Rafael,

After I returned home from today's BOS Open Forum I encountered a large piece of approximately 30" round black metal in the center of Mt. Murphy Road approximately 150 feet from the intersection of Carvers Road. It appears to be the spare wheel cover from the back of a Rav4 SUV that was dislodged after hitting one of the HUGE potholes/bumps in the road. I moved it to the side of the road in order to pass, but the metal part and the atrociously bad condition of the road needs to be immediately addressed.

By the time I called DOT maintenance, (530) 642-4909, their office had already closed at 3:30 PM. When I called Rafael, his voice mail recording indicated that he was in a meeting and would not be available until 5 PM. This is the same recording he has had for years, but it is evident Rafael and his staff have no intention of addressing constituent concerns.

Lori, that means the responsibility falls on your shoulders to follow up on these DOT issues.

Regards,

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From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 4:17 PM
To: lori.parlin@edcgov.us; rafael.martinez@edcgov.us
Cc: Shelley Wiley; Tonya Digiorno; 'Donald Ashton'; david.livingston@edcgov.us; bosfive@edcgov.us; bosfour; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us
Subject: FW: Mt. Murphy Road repairs - particulate matter/public safety concerns

Rafael and Lori,

This past weekend some friends visited my home and they reported having to use 4-wheel drive to get up Mt. Murphy Road due to the deep holes and abysmal condition of the road. I also received a phone call from a friend who talked to Rafael Martinez recently about DOT issues, but he quickly interrupted claiming he had to "get to a meeting" and would call back later. Needless to say, Rafael never returned the phone call.

As you heard during last week's Open Forum, one citizen claimed Planning handed him the familiar line, "Give me about a week and I'll get back to you" but their call was never returned or addressed. You also heard from citizens who are running into the same avoidance tactics from your own office.

Neither of you have acknowledged the DOT issues below. Either you are ignoring my emails, or they remain unlawfully blocked by Tonya Digiorno under the direction of Don Ashton and/or David Livingston.

Lori Parlin: As District #4 Supervisor you have a moral and legal responsibility to be responsive to constituent concerns without partiality and in compliance with Good Governance policies. This is not optional; *it is the law*. Again, please respond **immediately** to the following:

- 1) What exactly is the DOT timeframe to restore Mt. Murphy Road to the **formerly solid surface** and thereby reduce particulate matter?
- 2) What plans are in place, if any, to address emergency egress to Mt. Murphy residents in the event of another wildfire or during reconstruction of the Mt. Murphy Bridge CIP?
- 3) Please confirm whether or not Tonya Digiorno has restored my ability to communicate electronically with ALL EDC staff as required by law.

I look forward to your prompt response in order that this information may be properly disseminated to concerned citizens.

Melody Lane

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“There is no difference between socialism and communism, except in the means of achieving the same ultimate end: communism proposes to enslave men by force, socialism by vote. It is merely the difference between murder and suicide.” ~ Ayn Rand ~

From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 1:37 PM

To: lori.parlin@edcgov.us; rafael.martinez@edcgov.us; bosfour

Cc: Tonya Digiorno; 'Donald Ashton'; david.livingston@edcgov.us; barry.smith@parks.ca.gov

Subject: Mt. Murphy Road repairs - particulate matter/public safety concerns

Rafael and Lori,

During last week's BOS Agenda Item #34 regarding Good Governance/Strategic Plan, the below slide addressed the issue of particulate matter. In that regard, I presume the Core Value of Collaboration applies to DOT - Cross-functional teamwork, communication, and cooperation countywide, while creating a silos-free organization:

- ⌘ Four (4) Sacramento region air districts were awarded a second EPA Targeted Airshed Grant that will provide AQMD with \$971K to reduce EDC residents' exposure to particulate matter
- ⌘ Continued implementation of grant programs to help residents and businesses replace vehicles, Ag equipment, lawn mowers, busses and wood stoves, as well as a competitive grant program that funds several shuttle services
- ⌘ Deployed additional air sensors throughout the County so that residents can easily check the particulate matter levels in their communities
- ⌘ Working to improve forest health by actively supporting the prescribed burn and residential burn programs to reduce wildfire danger when atmospheric conditions favor smoke dispersion

Air Quality Management

As you are well aware, particulate matter and the poor condition of Mt. Murphy Road have been ongoing problems particularly for residents who are affected by the increasing traffic between the Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park and Garden Valley. It is a fallacy for DOT to perpetuate that Mt. Murphy has always been a "dirt and gravel road." The below photos reveal the remnants the formerly paved hard surface that was applied in 2006 specifically for the purpose of mitigating the heavy particulate matter stirred up by racing cars and motorcycles that has been entering our homes and lungs.



Since 2006 DOT has annually destroyed the formerly hard surface of this one-lane road through the grading and laying of loose gravel and raw dirt atop the pavement, thus creating hazardous driving conditions and unhealthy airborne particulate matter. The closure last year of the Mt. Murphy Bridge, AT THE HEIGHT OF FIRE SEASON, exacerbated the abysmal condition of the pavement between Carvers Road and the top of Mt. Murphy where the road is paved.

At present the washboard surface and potholes/humps in many places are in excess of 10" deep. Residents cannot drive more than five mph and must weave precariously to avoid damage to their vehicles. Additionally, the attached emails are indicative of the county's lack of response to resident's concerns as it pertains directly to the Mt. Murphy Bridge CIP and Public Safety/Egress in the event of another wildfire on the NE side of the river. The county would be remiss in their fiduciary responsibilities to build a "bridge to nowhere" without addressing the impacts of the egress/public safety concerns of residents that have been perpetually ignored over the years.

Despite the warning signs "Steep and Rough Road Next 1.5 Miles" at the intersection of Carvers and Mt. Murphy Roads, visitors frequently venture uphill and use my driveway (on a blind curve) to turn around. I've had three electric gates broken beyond repair as a result of trespassers ignoring posted signs. This is a liability that the county could easily avoid by the proper maintenance and repair of the solid surface road. At the very least please repave the lower 1/3 portion where resident's homes and health are affected by particulate matter.

On March 12th Sean from Animal Control responded to my call for service. Upon arriving he complained that he could not drive his truck more than 5 mph down the atrociously bumpy road. The same day my neighbors

were walking their dog up Mt. Murphy when they were forced off the road by 23 racing motorcycles as though it was an off-road dirt track. As you can see by the March 14th photos of a Garden Valley resident in a blue pickup fish-tailing uphill at an unsafe speed, the thick clouds of unhealthy particulate matter **regularly drift into our homes and into our lungs.**

You have a moral and legal obligation to respond to constituent concerns pursuant to your oaths of office, Good Governance, Strategic Plan, and EDC Core Values. Fire season is soon upon us. DOT has been unresponsive to phone calls; therefore I anticipate a timely and appropriate written response from Rafael delineating the timeline for necessary road repairs/restoration to a solid surface which will be disseminated to local residents.

Lori, it is your responsibility as District #4 representative to ensure that Rafael follows up on this request. While you are at it, please confirm that Don Ashton has lifted his unlawful block on my ability to communicate electronically with ALL county staff.

If you either of you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me immediately.

Regards,

Melody Lane

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3/14/22 Garden Valley resident recklessly racing up Mt. Murphy on numerous occasions:





Dirt cloud from ONE racing motorcyclist 3/14/22:



23 racing motorcyclists forced off the road two neighbors walking their dog:



EDC Animal Control officer Sean complained he could only go 5 mph over deep potholes/bumps:



This is the remnant of the SOLID SURFACE applied to Mt. Murphy Road in 2006 for the purpose of particulate control:

One example of improper DOT road maintenance and repairs causing dirt to wash into ditches and block culverts:



During last Thursday's Town Hall our questions were diverted as usual and there's still no evacuation plan. The county is still kicking the can down the road until disaster strikes. No wonder many residents left early in disgust over another dog-n-pony show that failed to address their concerns. State Parks is driving this \$17M project, but they didn't even have representation that night!

During last October's Town Hall meeting Lori publicly mocked and censored me, but Sue Taylor who lives in Pollock Pines was allowed to speak on an unrelated subject. Not so coincidentally District #4 Planning Commissioner Andy Nevis was present. Residents Jenny Hassler and Katherine Gallagher were also censored and not allowed to speak on Zoom regarding family properties acquired via eminent domain by State Parks for the Hwy 49 realignment. It was expressed last Thursday that the land wasn't used for the intended purpose therefore the property should be returned to the families.

I was a member of the Stakeholder Committee. It was our recommendation that the historic one-lane bridge would remain and the new bridge would be constructed from where the old mill used to stand extending across the river to Gallagher's Field, but State Parks shot down our common sense recommendation.

The County professes to be committed to Good Governance and Core values. However there is an abysmal lack of transparency or accountability, especially when it comes to lawfully responding to PRAs. Case in point is the refusal of Rafael Martinez to email me the Power Point Presentation made during last week's Bridge Town Hall. It revealed construction of boardwalks annexing trails from Henningson Lotus Park and other properties to the Marshall Gold Discovery Park that would go through the old Sierra Nevada House property recently acquired by Howard Penn. What we were really talking about is the dangerous intent of grant money associated with this Agenda 21 Resolution.

DOT has failed to address the abysmal condition of 1.5 miles of Mt. Murphy Road connecting both sides of the Park. The road used to be **[2" solid surface]**, but it has been destroyed by DOT and replaced with this **[fine particulate matter.]** Brian Mullins claims [this] is the same materials DOT has used on Mt. Murphy Road for 30+ years that compacts to [this] hard asphalt. That is a lie. Rafael's attitude then became insulting, condescending, and disrespectful. Making matters worse, he outright lied to me, all captured on audio. If I had a kid that spoke to me in such a disrespectful and condescending manner, I'd slap him 10 ways to Sunday.

It is irresponsible to spend **\$17M on The Mt. Murphy Bridge-To-Nowhere** when the road conditions quickly deteriorate making it impossible to drive more than 5 mph. This is a public safety concern, especially in the event of an evacuation on the main thoroughfare from the Park to Garden Valley. .