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August 3, 2011

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Sent via US Mail & email: tom.dougherty@edcgov.us

Re:

Z10-0009, PD10-005 & P10-0012

Creekside Plaza

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

The El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the above referenced project. This letter is in response to your Technical Advisory Review Notice dated May 27, 2011.

# Applicable Policies and Authority

As you know, the County of El Dorado is responsible under Federal law, State law, and County policy, to provide transportation services, including public transportation (e.g., transit, which includes fixed-route services and paratransit services). El Dorado County and the City of Placerville created El Dorado Transit under a Joint Powers Authority to fulfill its local and regional responsibilities under Federal, State, and local laws.

El Dorado Transit is providing the following comments consistent with the following source policy documents of the County of El Dorado and El Dorado Transit.

El Dorado County General Plan, Transportation and Circulation Element -INTRODUCTION

# TRANSIT CORRIDORS (Pages 62-63)

As population and employment in El Dorado County increase, there will be greater need and opportunities for transit use. Opportunities can be maximized with planning aimed at concentrating higher intensity development and ensuring good transit accessibility in viable transit corridors. A "transit corridor" is an area along a major transportation facility (e.g., freeway, arterial, rail line) that can be planned for higher intensity land use. Transit corridors are designated based upon existing and future availability of "high-capacity" transit service and the

availability of land that could be developed or redeveloped for higher-intensity residential and employment centers.

- <u>El Dorado County General Plan, Transportation and Circulation Element</u> Goals and Policies (<u>emphasis added</u>):
  - Policy TC-2a <u>The County shall</u> work with transit providers to provide transit services within the county that are responsive to existing and future transit demand and that can demonstrate cost-effectiveness by meeting minimum fare box recovery levels required by state and federal funding programs.
  - ✓ Policy TC-2b <u>The County shall</u> promote transit services where population and employment densities are sufficient to support those transit services, particularly within the western portion of the county and along existing transit corridors in the rural areas.
  - ✓ Policy TC-2c <u>The County shall</u> cooperate with other agencies in the identification and development of transit corridors.
  - ✓ Policy TC-2d <u>The County shall</u> encourage the development of facilities for convenient transfers between different transportation systems (e.g., rail-to-bus, bus-to-bus).
  - ✓ Policy TC-2f <u>The County shall</u> work with the El Dorado Transit Authority and support the provision of paratransit services and facilities for elderly and disabled residents, and those of limited means, which shall include bus shelters, bus stops, and ramps at stops.
- El Dorado County General Plan, Transportation and Circulation Element Implementation Program:
  - ✓ MEASURE TC-I: Encourage transit providers, the El Dorado County Transportation Commission, the Tahoe Transportation District, and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, to prepare, adopt, and implement a long-range strategic transit master plan for the County or sub-areas of the county. The master plan should review the transit corridors in this element and designate a set of transit corridors so that appropriate planning can be concentrated on these corridors. Once adopted, the plan(s) should be reviewed and updated on a regular basis. [Policy TC-2a]
  - ✓ Work with the El Dorado County Transportation Commission, Tahoe Transportation District, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, and other agencies to identify right-of-way needs within designated transit corridors and to acquire needed rights-of-way. [Policy TC-2b]
- The El Dorado County General Plan also identifies the additional policy statements as previously excerpted in El Dorado Transit's 2008 Short Range Transit Plan:

- ✓ To plan for and provide a unified, coordinated, and cost-efficient countywide road and highway system that ensures the safe, orderly, and efficient movement of people and goods.
- ✓ To coordinate planning and implementation of roadway improvements with new development to maintain adequate levels of service on County roads.
- ✓ To promote a safe and efficient transit system that provides service to all residents, including senior citizens, youths, the disabled, and those without access to automobiles that also helps to reduce congestion, and improves the environment.
- ✓ To reduce travel demand on the County's roadway system and maximize the operating efficiency of transportation facilities, thereby reducing the quantity of motor vehicle emissions and the amount of investment required in new or expanded facilities.
- ✓ To provide a safe, continuous, and easily accessible non-motorized transportation system that facilitates the use of the viable alternative transportation modes.
- ✓ To provide safe, continuous, and accessible sidewalks and pedestrian facilities as a viable transportation mode.
- The El Dorado County General Plan Land Use Element, which must be correlated with the Transportation and Circulation Element includes the following goal:

Protection and conservation of existing communities and rural centers; creation of new sustainable communities; curtailment of urban/suburban sprawl; location and intensity of future development consistent with the availability of adequate infrastructure; and mixed and balanced uses that promote use of alternate transportation systems.

• El Dorado Transit's 2008 Short Range Transit Plan (page 160):

### PASSENGER FACILITIES

The "street furniture" provided by the transit system is a key determinant of the system's attractiveness to both passengers and community residents. In addition, they increase the physical presence of the transit system in the community. Bus benches and shelters can play a large role in improving the overall image of a transit system and in improving the convenience of transit as a travel mode. More importantly, shelter is vital to those waiting for buses in harsh weather conditions. In addition, passengers could benefit by installing passenger amenities at major bus stops, particularly adjacent to regional shopping centers, medical facilities, and social service agency facilities.

# **Applicable Policies and Authority**

The Missouri Flat/Forni Road area is a rapidly growing commercial center that currently has a transfer point for all community bus routes however; there is only one (1) bus

stop/transfer center. That stop is on the southeast side of Missouri Fiat/Forni Road. To provide safe, efficient, and effective bus service it is in the best interest of the public who are accessing the commercial/retail centers to have a multi-bay bus stop and transfer point on each side of Missouri Flat Road.

El Dorado Transit requests that the County place the following condition on the project approval.

Prior to occupancy, project will construct a a two (2)-bay bus pull out on Missouri Flat Road with a fully integrated bus stop with shelter, bench, trash receptacle and bench. The standard for the bus pull out and shelter amenities may be reviewed at the El Dorado Transit website - <a href="http://www.eldoradotransit.com/assets/pdf/Reports/EDCTATransitDesignManual.pdf">http://www.eldoradotransit.com/assets/pdf/Reports/EDCTATransitDesignManual.pdf</a>

Please feel free to contact me with any comments regarding this recommendation at (530) 642-5383Ext. 210 or miackson@eldoradotransit.com.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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# DIAMOND SPRINGS AND EL DORADO COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 18, 2011

Roger Trout, Director El Dorado County Development Services 2850 Fairlane Court, Building C Placerville, CA 95667

Re: Application Z10-0009, PD10-005 & P10-0012 - Creekside Plaza

Dear Mr. Trout,

The DS-El Dorado Advisory Committee did not have access/awareness of the information contained in the 10-13-11 Staff Report at the time of our review of the Creekside Plaza Project on April 21, 2011. We were not aware of comments of others in our community (school, transit, and transportation) and wish to supplement our original comments to reflect our new awareness. In addition, since our first letter, locally impacted residents have presented a petition to our committee demonstrating their concerns and we have attached a copy (Petition to Deny Placement of Development of Creekside Plaza).

To avoid future supplementations and to improve our input in the process, we believe the process needs to be modified to provide our committee with the same information being provided to staff and TAC. We are addressing three areas; the bus stop, the traffic, and the need for a bike trail from the new bike/pedestrian lane on the Vietnam Veteran's bridge on US 50 to Forni Road.

1. Bus stop – no change from previous correspondence: We remain firm that we need a bus stop on Missouri Flat to facilitate northwest bound trips.

# 2. Traffic

a.) Congestion on Forni Road during the student pickup and drop-off times at Herbert Green School has not been adequately addressed. Forni Road frequently is at complete grid lock during these periods and adding cross traffic turning into the drive-in window will exasperate the situation. We recommend the applicant must find mitigation measures to address this problem. The solution space might involve modification of the school's bus and private vehicle traffic patterns at the school site and/or some other pattern on lands the proponent controls.

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- b.) A left turn lane (pocket) on Forni Road for traffic turning into the project's drive-in is seen as <u>critical</u> for safe access.
- c.) We recommend sidewalks be added as noted in the Mother Lode School District letter. It is our understanding the needed sidewalks are being addressed separately in a "Safe Routes to School Grant Application"; if that fails, the need remains. We concur with the school's recommendation to not have a cross walk on Forni Road at Golden Center Drive.

### 3. Bike Trail

The need for a bike path/trail between Highway 50 and Forni Road was not addressed. With the opening of the bike/pedestrian route on the Weber Creek /Vietnam Memorial Bridge, non motorized users will need a safe route along Missouri Flat Road to Forni Road. Children should not be forced to cross Missouri Flat Road twice as they go to school.

Refer to map 4 of 6, El Dorado County Bicycle Transportation Plan, adopted November 9, 2010 (The route is also shown on the cover of the Plan and shows its relation to Herbert Green School and the under construction bike/pedestrian lane being added to the new Weber Creek Bridge).

Pedestrian/Bike Paths: <u>Policy TC-4i</u> directs that within Community Regions and Rural Centers, all development shall include pedestrian/bike paths connecting to adjacent development and to schools, parks, commercial areas and other facilities where feasible. Sidewalks: <u>Policy TC-5b</u> requires curbs and sidewalks on all roads in commercial subdivisions.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Smart, Jr.

Chairperson

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December 1, 2011

Mr. Tom Heflin, Chair El Dorado County Planning Commission 2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, CA 95667

Re: Z10-0009, PD10-005 & P10-0012

Creekside Plaza

Dear Commissioner Heflin:

The El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) reviewed the staff report and minutes from the October 13, 2011 Planning Commission meeting regarding the Creekside Plaza project. As you are aware, the draft mitigated Negative Declaration includes the following condition for a public transit facility:

Bus Turnout and Shelter: This applicant shall construct a bus turnout and shelter along Missouri Flat Road in accordance to El Dorado Transit's standards. The installation will include a bus turnout, bus shelter with bench, illumination, Americans with Disabilities (ADA) pad, trash receptacle and a bus stop signage. The improvement plans for bus turnout and shelter to be approve by El Dorado Transit prior to issuance of building permit. The improvements shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Department of Transportation and the El Dorado County Transit Authority prior to issuance of any building permit.

This location is critical to the long-term operations of our service therefore; we appreciate the opportunity to restate our needs and concerns in this letter.

As the Department of Transportation noted in in the staff report:

Development of this parcel is the last of the four parcel intersection... A bus turnout and shelter exist on the southbound Missouri Flat Road just south of the intersection. This project will provide the northbound compliment to the existing bus stop. These improvements are in accordance with General Plan Goal TC-2 to provide alternative transit systems to automobile use and are especially important for those who cannot or do not drive.

The identified location will provide public transportation options to customers and clients of businesses within the proposed development. The location is on the current route for seven (7) community bus routes as recommended within the El Dorado Transit Design Standards. The construction of a bus bay will allow patrons to board and alight out of the travel lane on Missouri Flat while minimizing delay to through traffic and cyclists.

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Our letter of August 3, 2011 (copy attached) cites support for the installation of the Bus Turnout and Shelter in the Goals and Policies in the County's General Plan.

We strongly recommend to owners/developers that new retail and commercial development include access near or within the design for small buses used by local residential facilities such as Gold Country Retirement and Eskaton. The circulation and parking designs should include a safe area for loading and unloading persons from a bus, El Dorado Transit Dial-A-Ride minivan or personal passenger car. If Creekside does not include interior access by a small bus, the Eskaton and Gold Country Retirement buses would have access to the bus stop on Missouri Flat Road.

Maintenance and management of the facility is the responsibility of El Dorado Transit. The bus shelter would have advertising panels therefore; El Dorado Transit personnel work closely with the developer/tenants to determine if there is a desire for a non-compete restriction on a specific facility. For example: El Dorado Transit restricted the advertising so that similar type businesses are not allowed to advertise at the bus stop on Placerville Drive in front of Home Depot.

El Dorado Transit appreciates the Planning Commission's consideration of the condition to construction a Bus Turnout and Shelter on the Creekside Plaza development.

We look forward to working with you and the developer on this critical issue and may be contacted directly with any comments or concerns at (530) 642-5383 ext. 210.

Sincerely,

Mindy Jackson
Executive Director

cc: Leonard Grado, Grado Equities VII, LLC, 4330 Golden Center Drive, Suite D, Placerville, CA 95667 (Sent via USPS and Igrado@palosverdespropertiesinc.com)

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August 3, 2011

Tom Dougherty, Project Planner El Dorado County 2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, CA 95667 Sent via US Mail & email: tom.dougherty@edcgov.us

Re:

Z10-0009, PD10-005 & P10-0012

Creekside Plaza

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

The El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the above referenced project. This letter is in response to your Technical Advisory Review Notice dated May 27, 2011.

# Applicable Policies and Authority

As you know, the County of El Dorado is responsible under Federal law, State law, and County policy, to provide transportation services, including public transportation (e.g., transit, which includes fixed-route services and paratransit services). El Dorado County and the City of Placerville created El Dorado Transit under a Joint Powers Authority to fulfill its local and regional responsibilities under Federal, State, and local laws.

El Dorado Transit is providing the following comments consistent with the following source policy documents of the County of El Dorado and El Dorado Transit.

 <u>El Dorado County General Plan, Transportation and Circulation Element</u> -INTRODUCTION

# TRANSIT CORRIDORS (Pages 62-63)

As population and employment in El Dorado County increase, there will be greater need and opportunities for transit use. Opportunities can be maximized with planning aimed at concentrating higher intensity development and ensuring good transit accessibility in viable transit corridors. A "transit corridor" is an area along a major transportation facility (e.g., freeway, arterial, rail line) that can be planned for higher intensity land use. Transit corridors are designated based upon existing and future availability of "high-capacity" transit service and the

- availability of land that could be developed or redeveloped for higher-intensity residential and employment centers.
- El Dorado County General Plan, Transportation and Circulation Element Goals and Policies (emphasis added):
  - ✓ Policy TC-2a <u>The County shall</u> work with transit providers to provide transit services within the county that are responsive to existing and future transit demand and that can demonstrate cost-effectiveness by meeting minimum fare box recovery levels required by state and federal funding programs.
  - ✓ Policy TC-2b <u>The County shall</u> promote transit services where population and employment densities are sufficient to support those transit services, particularly within the western portion of the county and along existing transit corridors in the rural areas.
  - ✓ Policy TC-2c <u>The County shall</u> cooperate with other agencies in the identification and development of transit corridors.
  - ✓ Policy TC-2d <u>The County shall</u> encourage the development of facilities for convenient transfers between different transportation systems (e.g., rail-to-bus, bus-to-bus).
  - ✓ Policy TC-2f <u>The County shall</u> work with the El Dorado Transit Authority and support the provision of paratransit services and facilities for elderly and disabled residents, and those of limited means, which shall include bus shelters, bus stops, and ramps at stops.
- <u>El Dorado County General Plan, Transportation and Circulation Element</u> Implementation Program:
  - ✓ MEASURE TC-I: Encourage transit providers, the El Dorado County Transportation Commission, the Tahoe Transportation District, and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, to prepare, adopt, and implement a long-range strategic transit master plan for the County or sub-areas of the county. The master plan should review the transit corridors in this element and designate a set of transit corridors so that appropriate planning can be concentrated on these corridors. Once adopted, the plan(s) should be reviewed and updated on a regular basis. [Policy TC-2a]
  - ✓ Work with the El Dorado County Transportation Commission, Tahoe Transportation District, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, and other agencies to identify right-of-way needs within designated transit corridors and to acquire needed rights-of-way. [Policy TC-2b]
- The <u>El Dorado County General Plan</u> also identifies the additional policy statements as previously excerpted in El Dorado Transit's <u>2008 Short Range</u> Transit Plan:

- ✓ To plan for and provide a unified, coordinated, and cost-efficient countywide road and highway system that ensures the safe, orderly, and efficient movement of people and goods.
- ✓ To coordinate planning and implementation of roadway improvements with new development to maintain adequate levels of service on County roads.
- ✓ To promote a safe and efficient transit system that provides service to all residents, including senior citizens, youths, the disabled, and those without access to automobiles that also helps to reduce congestion, and improves the environment.
- ✓ To reduce travel demand on the County's roadway system and maximize the operating efficiency of transportation facilities, thereby reducing the quantity of motor vehicle emissions and the amount of investment required in new or expanded facilities.
- ✓ To provide a safe, continuous, and easily accessible non-motorized transportation system that facilitates the use of the viable alternative transportation modes.
- ✓ To provide safe, continuous, and accessible sidewalks and pedestrian facilities as a viable transportation mode.
- The <u>El Dorado County General Plan Land Use Element</u>, which must be correlated with the Transportation and Circulation Element includes the following goal:

Protection and conservation of existing communities and rural centers; creation of new sustainable communities; curtailment of urban/suburban sprawl; location and intensity of future development consistent with the availability of adequate infrastructure; and mixed and balanced uses that promote use of alternate transportation systems.

• El Dorado Transit's 2008 Short Range Transit Plan (page 160):

# PASSENGER FACILITIES

The "street furniture" provided by the transit system is a key determinant of the system's attractiveness to both passengers and community residents. In addition, they increase the physical presence of the transit system in the community. Bus benches and shelters can play a large role in improving the overall image of a transit system and in improving the convenience of transit as a travel mode. More importantly, shelter is vital to those waiting for buses in harsh weather conditions. In addition, passengers could benefit by installing passenger amenities at major bus stops, particularly adjacent to regional shopping centers, medical facilities, and social service agency facilities.

### Applicable Policies and Authority

The Missouri Flat/Forni Road area is a rapidly growing commercial center that currently has a transfer point for all community bus routes however; there is only one (1) bus

stop/transfer center. That stop is on the southeast side of Missouri Fiat/Forni Road. To provide safe, efficient, and effective bus service it is in the best interest of the public who are accessing the commercial/retail centers to have a multi-bay bus stop and transfer point on each side of Missouri Flat Road.

El Dorado Transit requests that the County place the following condition on the project approval.

Prior to occupancy, project will construct a a two (2)-bay bus pull out on Missouri Flat Road with a fully integrated bus stop with shelter, bench, trash receptacle and bench. The standard for the bus pull out and shelter amenities may be reviewed at the El Dorado Transit website -

 $\frac{http://www.eldoradotransit.com/assets/pdf/Reports/EDCTATransitDesignManual.}{pdf}$ 

Please feel free to contact me with any comments regarding this recommendation at (530) 642-5383Ext. 210 or <u>mjackson@eldoradotransit.com</u>.

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December 13, 2011

Mr. Tom Dougherty, Project Planner County of El Dorado Planning Services 2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, CA 95667

RE: Creekside Plaza

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

This is submitted in response to your inquiry regarding the installation of a bus stop on Golden Center Drive, El Dorado County.

Please note that during review of the above referenced project, consideration was given to several alternative locations including Golden Center Drive. It was determined that a stop on Golden Center Drive is not the best location for a transit stop relative to this development in part because of the additional cost of right-of-way, engineering and construction costs. Golden Center Drive as currently built, does not include enough public right-of-way for the construction of an Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliant a bus turnout.

El Dorado Transit bus stop standards generally recommend bus stops on opposite sides of a street. At this time, there is not a bus stop located opposite the existing stop due to the planned design of adding one (1) lane to Missouri Flat Road in the final build-out. Currently, northbound bus routes access Golden Center Drive when leaving the existing Walmart bus stop. The proposed stop on Missouri Flat Road provides better access to transit dependent persons using the bus routes on this corridor. For example, persons travelling northbound from a location on the west side of Missouri Flat Road will still have the opportunity to board on the west side of Missouri Flat Road therefore; crossing Missouri Flat Road would be unnecessary. Persons traveling northbound from a location on the east side of Missouri Flat Road will be able to board the bus at the new proposed east side stop making a crossing at Missouri Flat Road unnecessary.

In discussion with the project applicant and County of El Dorado Department of Transportation (DOT) staff, the location for the bus turnout on Missouri Flat Road near the end of the acceleration lane is tentatively agreed upon. The new transit facility would be constructed with full ADA compliance including access to the planned development. This location provides the

best transit services and optimum location from a traffic engineering perspective; located an acceptable distance from Forni Road intersection allowing for safe boarding and alighting with the least impact to traffic movements.

We look forward to working with the applicant and County of El Dorado staff on the construction of a two-bay bus turnout with bus stop amenities on Missouri Flat Road.

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