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To: District IV Supervisor Michael Ranalli
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El Dorado County Transportation Dept.

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Subject: Green Valley Road Bridges Replacement Project

We understand that the Board of Supervisors is considering a Transportation Department project to widen and improve the safety of two old and functionally obsolete bridges on Green Valley Road (Indian Creek and Mounds Springs Creek bridges) near the Green Valley Road entrance to Greenstone Country.

This area has long been an issue with our residents, especially during commute hours. As an equestrian community, we often have trucks towing horse trailers, attempting to cross traffic when traveling eastbound to enter Greenstone, and backing up traffic behind them. Upon exiting Greenstone, there are poor sight lines, further exacerbating the problem.

In April, we invited the EDC Transportation Department to present at a Greenstone Town Hall meeting to discuss the Green Valley bridges project, the safety imperatives, timing, and impacts to Greenstone. Our members asked many questions, and the Transportation Department team did an outstanding job of summarizing the project, including plans to minimize impact on Greenstone Country through careful planning and by phasing the project.

We urge the Board to approve the necessary funds to include a three-lane configuration to extend from the Mound Springs Bridge up through and just beyond the Greenstone entrance. The following benefits would be gained by the traveling public along this corridor, including Greenstone residents:

- A turning lane would create a much safer traffic corridor, reducing traffic backup and congestion by allowing traffic to safely turn into Greenstone
- Eliminate an existing blind spot as one comes eastbound over a hill approaching Indian Creek bridge
- Minimal impact on overall cost to taxpayers, especially as compared with adding a third lane in the very near future, as traffic volumes increase.
- A 3-lane configuration should provide sufficient width to facilitate a future Class 2 bike lane!

It should also be noted that there is positive support from the community for this project, and in particular the turn lane.

Thank you for your support!

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