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**Jim Mitrison - El Dorado County** <jim.mitrison@edcgov.us>  
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Mar 4, 2019 at 12:20 PM

Please included as public comment to Item 12 on tomorrow's agenda.

Thank you,  
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From: **Larry Weitzman** <larryb58tc@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 4, 2019 at 11:35 AM

Subject: The Diamond Springs Parkway Bullet Train, Item 12 on the BOS 03/05/19 calendar: please put in the public record

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Dear BOS, Tomorrow the Board of Supervisors is about to commence approval of the decades old plan of the Diamond Springs Parkway (BOS calendar item 12, 03/05/19) by spending about ten million dollars on preliminary construction of telephone and electrical lines modifications and conduit. This "Parkway" will become El Dorado County's "Bullet Train." While about \$8 million of the funding is coming from tribal funds, these monies are still discretionary in that all tribal funds can be used for the "public benefit."

The Diamond Springs Parkway has become unnecessary as the state of retail has changed and the need for the Parkway relative to traffic needs has not and will not materialize.

El Dorado County public roads are in a grave state of disrepair, a fact recently stated by EDC's own Director of Transportation. This money should be spent on EDC road maintenance which is severely lacking. I understand there are many areas in El Dorado Hills as well as many of the roads in proximity of the Redhawk Indian Casino (the source of funds) that are desparately in need of critical maintenance as a result of their state of disrepair. Roads are the principle asset of EDC and they should be EDC's number one priority after public safety of which the roads are also a part thereof. We certainly do not need an EDC "Bullet Train" to nowhere.

Sincerely,

Larry Weitzman  
Placerville, Ca



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Mon, Mar 4, 2019 at 3:37 PM

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

On Monday, March 4, 2019, 2:37 PM, chris whitaker &lt;diamondbarbershop1@yahoo.com&gt; wrote:

To the board of supervisors.

This letter is regarding the Diamond springs parkway. Let me first start off with introducing myself to those who may not know me. My name is Chris Whitaker, I am the President of the board of directors for the El Dorado county fairgrounds, President of the El Dorado community hall, newly appointed member of the Diamond springs El Dorado community advisory committee but most importantly I am a long time resident and business owner in Diamond springs. My dad lived on one side of town and my mom on the other. I know every square inch from Patterson drive to oak hill rd and Herbert green school to diamond dam. Being a barbershop owner I also have heard of the long history from the old timers that are 4-6 generation in this community. I think it's fair to say that I know more than most about the town. When I was a Kid I could walk across pleasant valley rd/Hwy 49 in downtown Diamond without hardly having to look both ways. Now you will be lucky to have someone let you walk across at one of the only two crosswalks. The amount of traffic that goes through Diamond is unbearable . If you've ever tried to pull out of a road or parking lot at any time of the day you know what I'm talking about. Don't even try it during high peak hours. Which these days seems to be all day. I truly believe the town would benefit greatly with the construction of the parkway. Not only would existing business thrive but new businesses would want to start moving in. People would start to get out of there cars and walk around without worrying about being ran over by someone traveling at 50-60 mph which I see them do on a regular basis. I stand out by the road daily and my estimate would be 1 and every 100 vehicles actually drives the speed limit of 25mph. The rest I would say over 40mph. That makes that town very dangerous. It is nothing more than a drive through town, It needs a lot of help becoming a destination town but I believe it will be there someday. I've had a business there for 5 years and people are still telling me they had no idea I was there. I have plenty of good signage on the road but nobody bothers to look around while driving through. Much like another Hwy 49 town, sutter creek has benefited tremendously from a bypass. That town is alive and thriving once again and a favorite for shopping and dining for many area locals. I know Diamond can achieve the same someday. More and more people are moving up here as you know. We need to get ahead of the mass exodus up here and build this parkway otherwise Diamond will never see its potential of a popular gold rush town like so many others. I'm picturing a town with sidewalks and a park for the kids, Weekly events and fine dining. I grew up going to the Labor Day bizarre. I would love to see that come back someday. So please from someone who loves Diamond springs please help this town become something special and let's improve the quality of life for the residents and business owners by diverting the heavy heavy flow of traffic around downtown and let this town thrive. I wish I could be there to show you how passionate I am about this subject in person but the traffic was so bad I had to settle on writing this email which I did while waiting to pull out of my business parking lot onto pleasant valley rd. I hope this letter helps with the progression of this important project.

Sincerely, Chris Whitaker

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