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Bass Lake Road

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Dear Commissioners:

I have three points regarding Bass Lake Road, the new housing developments, and the shopping center.

Point one concerns the eastbound and westbound Bass Lake Road off ramps. I recently read that in 2020 the eastbound Bass Lake off ramp will be restructured and nothing will be done to the westbound off ramp. I also read that the taxpayers will pay for most of this restructuring. This is unacceptable! Lennar Homes was originally scheduled to cover the cost of the entire project but now they are only going to pay a small amount leaving the taxpayers with most of the cost. This resulted from a previous director of planning changing the agreement with Lennar. Taxpayers should not be financially responsible for a planning decision re Bass Lake Road or any other restructuring on Bass Lake Road. It is the developer's responsibility as was originally agreed upon.

The eastbound off ramp (what is going to be restructured) is not horrible the way it is but the westbound off ramp (what will not be restructured) is in desperate need of restructuring. I'm not sure that those making decisions actually drive the area on a regular basis to understand where the problem actually lies.

When on the westbound off ramp with the intention of going north, it is impossible to see if there is any traffic coming from the left because of the underpass. Approaching Bass Lake Road, the car is at an angle so motorists have to look back to check for traffic and this is visibly difficult. Also in the same area is the traffic from Country Club Road. Everyone is trying to merge onto Bass Lake Road. Who goes first? No one really knows.

I have been avoiding this exit because it is so dangerous. Instead of exiting on Bass Lake Road, I exit on Cambridge. You guys should try exiting on the westbound off ramp, not just once but several times. You'll see what I mean.

Secondly and probably most important is a fire. Have you thought about what the residents would do in the event of a fire? Probably not. I lived in the Bay Area during the Berkeley Hills fire so I am experienced with fires. We were evacuated and what kept our house from burning was the shift in wind. People burned up in their cars trying to escape. The same thing happened in the Paradise fire. Fires move fast and you have to be able to get out of their path fast.

In the Bass Lake area two things prevent a fast escape or actually any escape. The first is that the subdivisions only have one way in and out. Extremely poor planning! People may not be able to leave their subdivision. The second is little Ball Lake Road. Current residents, future residents, shopping center patrons, and park visitors will all try to use little Bass Lake Road to escape. Bass Lake Road will be gridlocked and people will burn up in their cars just like they did in the previous fires.

My third point is how I currently navigate Bass Lake Road.

- 1) I live in Woodridge and when I'm going north to Green Valley I use the Hills exit so I don't have to go around the fatal 25 mph corner. I do the same when coming home.
- 2) Since there is no right turn lane into Woodridge, I start slowing down and turn on my signal right after passing Bridlewood to slow traffic. Even with doing this I take the turn faster than I should because there is usually a car on my tail.
- 3) As already mentioned when going west on 50 I take the Cambridge off ramp instead of the Bass Lake off ramp.

Infrastructures in other areas are in place before development begins. It is beyond belief that Bass Lake Road was not improved prior to the new developments and a shopping center. People's lives are at risk. You have failed us!

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Sincerely,

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