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FEBRUARY 9 BOARD MEETING RE: ITEM 27 (20-0914) RE: CONSTRUCTION FUNDING FOR MOSQUITO REPLACEMENT BRIDGE PROJECT

1 message

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Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 11:59 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

Per Item 27 (20-0914) on your agenda for February 9, 2021, please see the attached letter endorsing funding for the Mosquito Replacement Bridge Project.

We urge you to do the right thing and vote for this funding and move this vital safety project forward for your citizens.

Your thoughtful consideration of this vital safety project is appreciated.

Concerned Citizens of Mosquito/Swansboro



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Safe, healthy and vibrant communities, respecting our natural resources and historical heritage

February 8, 2021

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Re: **Mosquito Bridge Replacement Project**
Support Federal Funding for Fire Safety for Your Citizens

Dear Board of Supervisors:

**"The chief purpose of government is to protect life.
Abandon that and you have abandoned all."
~ Thomas Jefferson**

This is an appeal to lock-in and confirm upcoming funding for the Mosquito Bridge Replacement Project (Project) as it is imperative for the safety of our community and to the economic well-being of El Dorado County. This is the **THIRD** attempt by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors to secure a replacement bridge for this community. Excessive time spent by government officials and community members and millions of tax payer dollars expended and wasted over decades for this Project -- still nothing to show for it. As the current Mosquito Bridge is designated unsafe by standards set by state and federal governments, it is imperative the replacement structure move forward as quickly as possible. One hundred percent (100%) federally funded, this Project will be reimbursed to El Dorado County and more importantly, **your tax-paying citizens will be safer.**

The Paradise Fire (aka "Camp Fire") and the deaths (which occurred during this event) was one of the most expensive natural disasters in the world. Removing toxic debris alone cost their county, and our state, and federal governments nearly \$2 billion.¹ **Victims of this catastrophic fire were unable to escape due to lack of reliable roadways and gridlock, which occurred**

¹ <https://www.npr.org/2019/11/09/777801169/the-camp-fire-destroyed-11-000-homes-a-year-later-only-11-have-been-rebuilt>

during evacuations. Their elected officials were careless and reckless regarding their citizens' safety, and not cognizant of the dangers in that community.

This Project will at least create a safer route to evacuate and at the same time allow firefighters, engines, and ambulances to enter as **deadly switchbacks would be eliminated by the new Mosquito roadway.** Presently, the only other route available is Rock Creek Road, which is also unsafe and unreliable due to rockslides and eroding roadways on the cliff side with major drop-offs to the American River Canyon. As stated so succinctly in the *Mountain Democrat* on May 10, 2015, concerning the present Mosquito Bridge:

On average, Mosquito Bridge is used in about 1,400 trips a day by people coming and going from the Mosquito-Swansboro area. The county spends about \$75,000 on annual maintenance while the bridge and its environs have a 32 percent higher accident rate than comparable roads.... (This is largely due to the switchbacks of the present antiquated and unsafe Mosquito Road and Bridge; these switchbacks would be eliminated with completion of the Project allowing safety vehicles to enter and citizens to more safely evacuate in case of fire or other natural disasters.)

Of the county's 79 bridges, 22 are scored above 80 on a 100-point scale used by the Federal Highway Administration, which operates bridge safety and bridge building programs.... Thirty-eight local bridges rank between 50 and 80 now. The below-50 cohort includes 17 county bridges. Mosquito has a rating of 12, second only to the Mt. Murphy Bridge in Coloma, which ranks below zero...Mosquito was a 3 prior to its most recent repairing and re-planking....

The FHWA bridge funding program will cover 100 percent of bridge replacement for "off-system" bridges, typically small, rural ones.... "23 percent of our bridges are eligible for replacement." The program funds about \$300 million for bridges annually.

As concerned individuals lament about "no-growth" platforms in our county, please know that Swansboro is allowed to sell only two-acre lots. **The majority of those lots are already committed and sold. Building permits continue to be issued by El Dorado County in this area, and young families are moving in who deserve a safer community for their children and their school bus, which currently takes Rock Creek Road; this road is a disaster waiting to happen.**

We understand your votes are influenced by "no-growth" and "recreational" special interest groups (aka lobbyists) in this county who fund your campaigns and influence your votes. We are asking you put aside your bias and look-out for the well-being of the community and its tax-payers. **It is inexplicable why El Dorado County would not confirm and vote for federal funding for this Project and its community for its citizens' safety. The new high-rise bridge would ultimately save money annually and generate more tax dollars to this county by its citizens.**

CONCERNED CITIZENS OF MOSQUITO/SWANSBORO

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We implore you to do the right thing and **vote yes** to secure this vital funding, which will be reimbursed to El Dorado County. **Safety should be the number one priority of this county for its citizens.** Please do the right thing for your tax-paying, hardworking residents and vote for this federally-funded replacement bridge. Your tax-paying citizens deserve a fighting chance for survival during a catastrophic fire event or other natural disasters.

Respectfully submitted,

**CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR SAFETY OF MOSQUITO / SWANSBORO
PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA**

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Mosquito Bridge

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Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 1:22 PM

It is just fine with our family to NOT put the bridge in! It is too much money for the bridge for such a small community and We Like the Existing Bridge. People who don't like the road can move. We've been here nearly 40 years. Great News!



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Mosquito bridge project

1 message

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Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 1:32 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

hello,

As a longtime resident of Mosquito, this is good news. Many of us love the old bridge and road as it is. It is primarily newcomers who want this...in order to get to the hospital 5 minutes faster, or to see an appreciation in house values.

It would seem to be a waste of funds to continue preliminary studies, paying consultants, etc. I would prefer funds being applied to very needful local road repairs.

thank you



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Item 27. 20-0914

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Why is there action being taken before the agenda is adopted. Not very pleased with the abruptness of this. Less than 24 hours from meeting date and time?

The CAO's explanation can and should be accomplished as part of the agenized item.

The Metropolitan Transit District memo is dated December 10, 2020. The High Cost Letter is dated sometime in January, 2021. The cash flow circumstance previously projected hasn't appreciatively changed from the previous presentation of funds impacting the County of El Dorado.

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Fwd: Mosquito Bridge Funding, Nonprofit Grants, COVID Vaccine FAQ, Budget Briefings

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Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 3:30 PM

FYI for public record item 20-0914.

*Sincerely,
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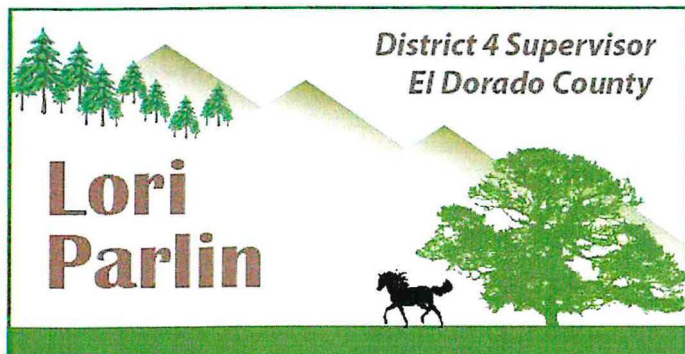
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Mosquito Bridge funding..just the tip of the iceberg..
Has anyone else given consideration to the maintenance costs of Mosquito Road prior to the commencement of construction of a new 85 million dollar bridge? Mosquito Road is a patchwork of repaired asphalt sections dotted with pot holes and endless fill patches. The entire road surface is falling apart with large sections of asphalt being uprooted by the constant increase in vehicle traffic. Building the new bridge will allow heavier vehicles and more traffic to travel over a road surface that was never engineered to accommodate current traffic levels. **UNLESS EL DORADO COUNTY HAS FUNDING AND PLANNING IN PLACE TO WIDEN AND REPAIR MOSQUITO ROAD, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BRIDGE WILL BE NOTHING MORE THAN A FOOLS ERRAND!!!!!!**
There are already dangerous levels of traffic on Mosquito road. The current wooden bridge gets damaged on a regular basis because large trucks (Some towing trailers) refuse to recognize and obey load weight and vehicle maximum length notification signs. This will only get much worse when a new bridge is built. El Dorado Road Maintenance states that they cannot deny access to commercial vehicles on public roads. Does El Dorado County carry sufficient liability insurance to cover the wrongful death lawsuits that will occur once folks start getting run off the road by large delivery trucks that are depending on GPS to find the shortest delivery route?
Drive Mosquito road for yourself and see what a disaster you are about to create. Better yet, ride as a passenger in a vehicle bring driven by someone who is unfamiliar with Mosquito Road and see if it doesn't scare you to death.
If common sense doesn't take foot soon it will be too late to correct the huge problems that are to follow. If you're concern about the yearly costs of maintaining the current Mosquito Bridge, you haven't seen anything yet!!

Dr. Kevin Cooper
Mosquito resident sine 1986

On Thu, Feb 4, 2021, 11:33 AM Supervisor Parlin District IV <BOSFOUR@service.govdelivery.com> wrote:





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NEWS RELEASE



Chief Administrative Office
El Dorado County

MOSQUITO BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION FUNDING SECURED

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FEBRUARY 3, 2021

Contact: Carla Hass
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(PLACERVILLE) – On February 9th, 2021, El Dorado County Department of Transportation will submit to the Board of Supervisors a High Cost Project Agreement that will secure full construction phase funding for the Mosquito Road Bridge at South Fork American River - Bridge Replacement Project (Project).

This Agreement secures the Highway Bridge Program construction financing plan with the California Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. In 2011, the Project was awarded Federal Highway Bridge Program funding to start the project environmental and engineering work. After years of study, design, community meetings, public outreach, environmental clearance, and utility coordination, the Project is finally fully funded and scheduled to break ground with construction next year. The existing one-lane suspension bridge still requires annual closures for maintenance work and has the most expensive maintenance costs of all the County’s vehicle bridges.

Once the Agreement is approved, Transportation will be finalizing the construction bid package and advertising the Project for bids. Construction activity is anticipated to begin in mid-2022. After the new bridge is

complete, the existing 1939 suspension bridge and roadway is planned to remain in place for cyclists, pedestrians, and river access.

For the further details, including the project schedule, please visit the Mosquito Bridge Replacement Project website at:

https://www.edcgov.us/Government/dot/Bridge%20Projects/MosquitoBridge/Pages/mosquito_bridge.aspx

For questions regarding this Project, please contact the Transportation main line at (530) 621-5900 and select option 3 for Engineering.

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PRIOR BOARD ACTION

On August 16, 2016, Item 25, Legistar 16-0629, the Board adopted the Draft Feasibility Study for Public Access to the South Fork of the American River at Mosquito Road Bridge.

On August 8, 2017, Item 27, Legistar 17-0725, the Board certified the Final Environmental Impact Report.

On December 10, 2019, Item 47, Legistar 19-1702, the Board received a presentation regarding the latest Project design and adopted the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for the Project is included in Transportation's 2020 Capital Improvement Program, which was approved by the Board on June 9, 2020, Legistar 20-0675, Item 54 and consists of 100% HBP Federal funds. The construction phase of the Project is anticipated to be Advance Construction (AC) funded through various local funding sources over the multi-year Project and will be outlined in the request for authorization of advertisement of this phase in a future Board item. Any negative interest charges accrued as a result of timing of reimbursements will be covered with Public Utility Franchise Fees.

For meeting details, including a cash analysis for the agreement, go to Item 27. 20-0914 at: <https://eldorado.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4774286&GUID=CB6C7BE4-3237-4686-A89E-F229EDBCB048&Options=&Search=>

Participation information can be found on the agenda here: <https://eldorado.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=A&ID=819616&GUID=0AB7324D-88B8-4E31-8FC4-7C9BFA9D83E4>

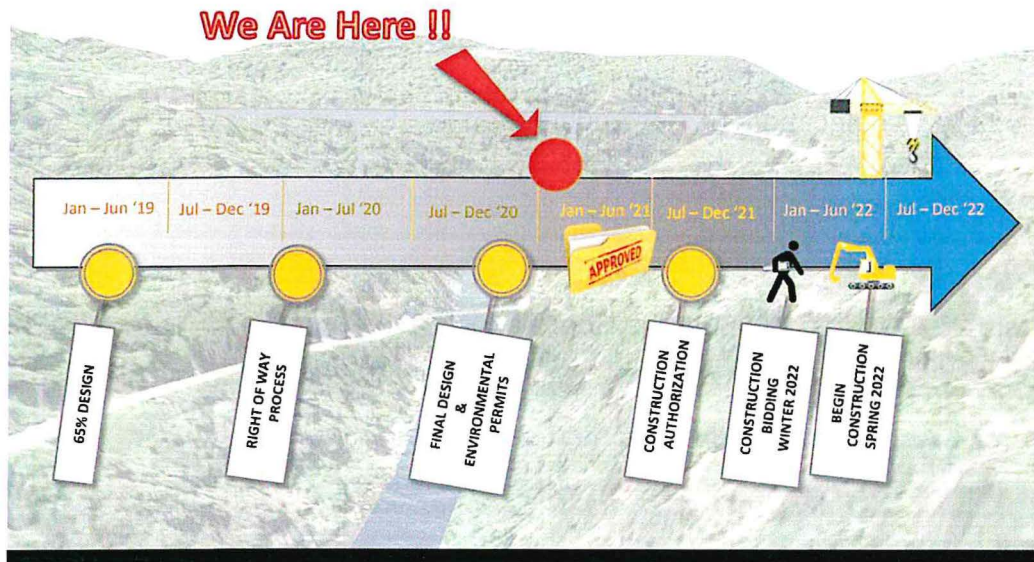
Zoom link:<https://zoom.us/j/91607847564>

Email your comments to the Clerk of the Board at edc.cob@edcgov.us



Mosquito Rd Bridge Project "Look Ahead" Schedule

Estimated Remaining Project Schedule to Construction



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2021 Endow El Dorado Grant Cycle

Deadline March 1st

The El Dorado Community Foundation Announces 2021 Endow El Dorado Grant Cycle Opens on February 1st.

The El Dorado Community Foundation is pleased to announce that the 2021 Endow El Dorado Grant Cycle will open on February 1, 2021. Endow El Dorado is open to all nonprofits serving the residents and communities of El Dorado County. This year, this funding opportunity has three areas of focus for non-profits to choose from. Applicants may only apply in one Area of Focus.

The Areas of Focus are:

- 1) Youth, 0-18 years of age (\$5,000 application limit)
- 2) Social Services and Community Mental Health (\$10,000 application limit)
- 3) Pandemic Response (\$10,000 application limit)

The application will be available from Feb. 1- March 1 (5pm). Grant recipients will be notified and receive funding in April 2021. Further guidelines and the funding application will be available at

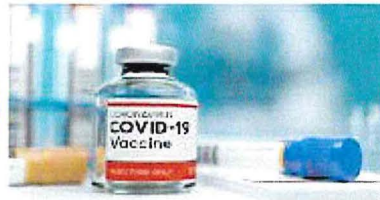
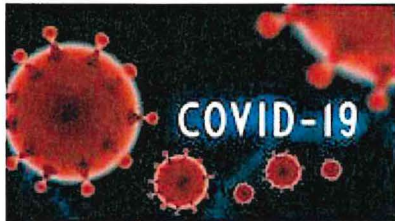
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Foundation

You are welcome to contact El Dorado Community Foundation Program Officer, Kathy Haven at kathy@eldoradocf.org

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COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION & FAQ



Frequently asked questions and answers: <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/PublishingImages/pages/EDCCOVID-19-vaccine/COVID19%20vaccine%20FAQ%202-2-21.pdf>

Vaccine Clinic information available here: <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/EDCCOVID-19-clinics.aspx>

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As part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-21 Budget development process, the approved FY 2021-22 Master Budget Calendar incorporates department briefings, scheduled on February 2 and 8. These briefings will allow each department up to 20 minutes to provide an overview of its programs. These briefings are intended to provide high-level information about current year budgets to provide context, such as total budget, net county cost, description of funding sources, and number of full time equivalent employees, and are not meant to be discussions on budget needs or

requests. Briefings may include a brief overview of current or upcoming issues facing the department.

The following departments will be providing briefings during the February 8 meeting:

- Agriculture
- Chief Administrative Office: Central Services
- Chief Administrative Office: Emergency Medical Services & Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Chief Administrative Office: Parks
- Clerk of the Board
- County Counsel
- Environmental Management
- Human Resources
- Information Technologies
- Planning & Building
- Probation
- Registrar of Voters
- Surveyor
- Transportation

Meeting Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/96506437141>

Details for meeting: <https://eldorado.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

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