

May 28, 2004

Rusty Dupray, District One  
Board of Supervisors  
El Dorado County  
330 Fairlane Road  
Placerville, CA

Dear Rusty:

It was with great concern that I read this past week that Serrano Parkway and the portion of Bass Lake Road to the EID entrance were to be completed and opened prior to the completion of the Bass Lake Road improvements and realignment. The Bass Lake Action Committee specifically asked when Serrano Parkway would be opened when the Bass Lake Road issues were addressed by DOT last Fall at a Trails Advisory meeting in Placerville. We were told at that time that it would be maintained as a gated fire road until the Bass Lake Road improvements and realignments were completed.

Liz Diamond, Director of DOT is quoted in a May 21st article in the Sacramento Bee as saying the parents who transport their children to schools in the Buckeye School District will really appreciate having Serrano Parkway opened. While this is probably true for some residents, our children are for the most part in Rescue School District. I doubt the commuters who regularly use Bass Lake Road to reach their homes will be appreciative of more traffic, which spawns more accidents. Just recently, we had two accidents in one day in our most dangerous areas, the bridge and on the curve between Magnolia Hills Drive and Madera Road.

According to the Engineering and Traffic Survey report drawn by DOT on November 19, 2003, the accident rate of 2.94 Accidents per Million Vehicle Miles for the three year period of 2000-2002 is higher than the expected 1.70 Acc./MVM normally experienced on similar collector roads. Based on the increase in traffic volumes, the number and severity of reported accidents (how many accidents are single car unreported?) and the lack of shoulders, the DOT recommended a further reduction in the speed limit to 40MPH on Bass Lake Road. The opening of Serrano Parkway will bring an influx of traffic of those seeking to avoid El Dorado Hills Boulevard congestion and looking for a speedier access to Highway 50 and Green Valley Road.

Concurrently, Hollow Oaks development is staging for their groundbreaking to take place this summer. This will further bring increased traffic as well to the greater Bass Lake Road area. It has been reported that the developers agreement for Hollow Oaks states they can build no more than 12 homes and pull permits for a few more before the Bass Lake Road improvements and realignment take place. I trust that this agreement remains in effect and is strictly enforced.

We understand that at some point a stoplight will be put in place at the intersection of Bass Lake Road and Serrano Parkway. How does the County plan to monitor the

intersection in the interim. Have traffic studies been performed to determine how much traffic the opening of Serrano Parkway will bring to Bass Lake Road? Also, we would like to see a copy of the development agreement that states the limitations placed on the build out of Hollow Oak.

The fact that Bass Lake Road is a dangerous road to travel on is undisputed by most people who have driven it. Let's not worsen the situation for the many residents of the Bass Lake area who must travel the road daily with irresponsible and inconsiderate reckless speeders before we finally improve the road at least to a minimal safe level. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Kathy Prevost, President  
Bass Lake Action Committee