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County's hard work on General Plan will prevail

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The new General Plan has been upheld by a court decision, and we will now address the lifting of the Writ placed on the 1996 General Plan.

We have confidence the hard work done on the General Plan will prevail and we can finally go ahead with the business of the county.

Supervisor Baumann and I recently opened the Serrano Parkway-Bass Lake Road connector, which provides a shorter route for commuters between Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills.

The new connector, along with current improvements to Bass Lake Road, should provide some relief to traffic on Highway 50, and also enhance safety response times between these communities.

It's really great to get this project finished. The connector is an excellent example of how the county works cooperatively with private industry to provide much needed infrastructure.

In other summer projects, the improvements to Bass Lake Road are well underway.

Plans call for a newly constructed segment of Bass Lake between Serrano Parkway and Stone Hill Drive.

This project will also improve the existing alignment and add roadside shoulders from Hollow Oak south toward Highway 50. It is scheduled for completion in October.

The second phase of improvements to Bass Lake is in the final design stage. It is hoped this project will realign the road from Pleasant Grove Middle School to Madera Drive.

If all goes well, this project is anticipated for summer of next year.

Cameron Park residents should be enjoying a smoother ride on the new overlay on Cameron Park Drive. Construction continues on the El Dorado Hills Boulevard and Highway 50 interchange. There are many other projects planned along Green Valley, Silva Valley, White Rock Road, and Cameron Park Drive.

I will try to keep you updated on those as well in future columns.

In addition to roadway construction, the new El Dorado Hills Library continues on track, even with additional changes and increased costs.

The opening is scheduled for Nov. 26. I am very proud that Supervisor Baumann and I were able to secure \$2 million in one-time Community Enhancements Funds for this library.

Again, this is a wonderful example of local government entities working together toward a common goal.

I am also very happy to report the board's approval of a Funding Agreement with the Cameron Park Community Services District. The agreement provides the final funding for the design and construction of the Cameron Park Community Center from the \$1 million in Community Enhancement Funds I had set aside for this purpose.

I have lots more to tell you but have no more room this time. In the meantime, stay safe and God Bless.

- Rusty Dupray represents El Dorado Hills on the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors.

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