

Meeting Summary
El Dorado Hills Community Workshop #1
April 29, 2009

The workshop began with a presentation given by Tom Zlotkowski and Michele McCormick. Michele asked the workshop attendees to hold all questions until the end of the presentation. These questions/comments are captured below:

- How did SACOG arrive at this solution/alignment?
- How far into the future will the environmental studies look?
- Four Seasons residents are concerned about significant travel impacts and mining trucks
- Is there an alignment alternative that connects to US-50 before it hits El Dorado County?
- We want to protect our agriculture
- There is a concern that there needs to be significant planning at the local level to make the connector not be a bigger issue
- CEQA is an issue that can't be addressed solely in community workshops

Michele described the plan for the workshop (break out groups). The attendees split into three groups where they were asked two sets of questions:

Community Values Question:

A. What do you like about your community today? What do you want to see preserved in your community?

Brainstorm Question

B. In general, how do you prefer to see the accommodation of regional and local growth and travel demand addressed in your community (e.g. expanding existing corridors, creating new corridors, enhancing alternative modes, etc.)?

Within the three breakout groups, each participant was asked to take a few moments and jot down answers to the questions. A summary of the responses from all three groups is below:

A. What do you like about your community today? What do you want to see preserved in your community?

- Like things as they are
- Like rural lifestyle
- Want to maintain a balanced mix of uses in land planning (residential/industry)
- Environmental and air quality – especially at schools and residential areas (Four Seasons)
- Relaxed lifestyle
- Work and friends (community)
- Open space
- Night sky (stars)

- Slow pace
- Nice place to live and work
- Close to Sierras
- Great schools
- Towne Center (nice community development)
- Quiet
- Low crime
- Close proximity to Sacramento
- Business park
- Mobility (no mining traffic)
- Property values
- Trails
- Folsom light rail is convenient
- Maintain current traffic density
- Quality of life
- Community services and Fire Department
- Maintain rural feel on White Rock Road – don't increase traffic
- Stay with village concept

Brainstorming Session-

B. In general, how do you prefer to see the accommodation of regional and local growth and travel demand addressed in your community (e.g. expanding existing corridors, creating new corridors, enhancing alternative modes, etc.)?

Comments from this section are included below:

- Four Seasons is not opposed to growth, but is concerned about localized impacts, especially mining traffic – wants alternatives to traffic plan
- Regional and local growth in El Dorado County has already been taken care of – this project is not needed
- Need more links in transportation network and more interconnections
- Several access points other than Latrobe Road
- Limited access facility
- Prairie City/Bidwell interchange is a clover leaf. Duplicate at El Dorado Hills interchange
- Maintain US-50 as main corridor through El Dorado Hills
- Must get traffic off of US-50
- Residential does not want increased traffic
- White Rock Road – too much traffic in a residential area – especially quarry trucks
- Separate quarry traffic from El Dorado County traffic
- Stay out of residential areas
- Give the business park better access
 - Improved access for job centers and adjacent residential
- What other alternatives were considered in El Dorado County?
- Stop Sacramento traffic at the Sacramento County line
- Create alternative corridors
 - Route south of the business park
 - Route through business park

- US-50 and Scott Road (Scott Road is already there)
- North-south arterial from Empire Ranch Road interchange to business park
- Consider Prairie City Road as an alternative
- White Rock Road with improvements
- Alternate plans for growth with appropriate infrastructure
- The CEQA study needs to address not creating an unacceptable loss
- Impact is beyond EDH – it extends up the hill
- Drops level of service for El Dorado County roads to an unacceptable level – ruins capacity for other future development
- What does the connector do to Silva Valley Parkway improvements? (will level of service go down and cost of project go up?)
- Concerned that future planned development in south county area are not being addressed
- What is the benefit of the spur between the City of Sacramento and Latrobe Road – there is no obvious benefit to El Dorado County
- Toll roads
- Is Regional Transit working with the JPA?
- Mobility alternatives which benefit community
 - Light rail connection
 - Utilize existing RR right of way for multiuse train trips (commuter, tourism)
 - Multi-modal (transit) options
- Carson Crossing Road area needs future access addressed
- Golden Foothill Parkway extension
- Are the Department of Transportation upgrade options planned for Silva Valley Parkway/El Dorado Hills
- Like these community workshops – look forward to seeing input used in planning
- Keep community informed of planned future improvements

The next El Dorado Hills workshops are tentatively scheduled for early June and early July. The project team informed meeting attendees that the sign-in sheet will be used when sending out meeting notifications and encouraged all to provide their full and accurate contact information.