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Re: Eastside Parkway Review, Fort Ord, CA

Dear Michael,

This letter presents issues that should be addressed by the Fort Ord Reuse Authority, Monterey County and Cities of Marina and Seaside for the planning of Eastside Parkway in northeastern Fort Ord.

1. The need and purpose of the project must to be described in the context of the Fort Ord Reuse Plan and specific mitigations as required by CEQA. In other words:

- What traffic problems is the Eastside Parkway expected to solve? Which of these are existing and which are anticipated in the future? For anticipated future problems, when are they expected to be experienced?
- Do the development and traffic forecasts in the Fort Ord Reuse Plan justify the Eastside Parkway?
- If not, what specific projects and traffic forecasts now justify the Parkway?
- How did the Eastside Parkway rise to the top of FORA's transportation priorities?

Only after answering #1 proceed to addressing the following questions.

2. Project Alternatives, which could include various alignments or capacity improvements to existing roads.

3. Cost/benefit of each alternative, including environmental impacts as required by CEQA.

4. Secondary circulation impacts, such as added traffic through East Garrison and the neighborhoods of eastern Seaside such as Coe Avenue, San Pablo Avenue, Broadway Avenue and Hilby Avenue. Impacts to the two-lane section of General Jim Moore just north of Highway 218 should be analyzed as well.

5. Mitigation of all impacts, including capacity improvements and neighborhood traffic calming on access routes to and from Eastside Parkway.

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6. Opportunity costs, such as the expenditure on other circulation improvements such as the Highway 1/ Monterey Road interchange. This improvement would relieve existing congestion at the Highway 1 / Fremont Boulevard interchange.

If you have any questions regarding these issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience. Thank you for the opportunity to assist you with this project.

Respectfully submitted,

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