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Regarding the Proposed Road from Highway 27 to Lower Davis Loop in the TSP Plan

My concerns regarding the proposed road connecting Highway 27 to Lower Davis Loop, and why I believe it should not be included in the Transportation System Plan (TSP). Below are the primary reasons for my position:

1. Unsafe Road Grade

The proposed route includes a grade that may not meet safe engineering standards. This raises significant safety concerns for both passenger vehicles, construction vehicles, and emergency services.

2. Impact on a Gated Community

The proposed road would enter directly into a gated residential community. This critical detail has yet to be thoroughly addressed. It is unclear whether residents were informed at the time of purchase that a public road might be routed through their private neighborhood. This could dramatically impact their property values, privacy, and quality of life.

3. Increased Traffic on Key Local Roads

- **Main Street:** Already experiences congestion during peak hours and local events. Additional traffic would further burden this corridor.
- **Lynn Boulevard:** Additional volume would significantly impact local access and safety.
- **3rd Street:** Traffic flow from the new connection would add stress to an already problematic intersection.

4. While redirecting some volume off of Combs Flat Road may seem beneficial, this proposal would effectively shift the congestion to other already overburdened areas. As a result, both Main Street and Combs Flat would be problematic, rather than alleviating the issue in one location.

5. Emergency Services Access

During the recent meeting, Russ stated that emergency services do not currently have concerns about their ability to respond efficiently with the existing road network. While an additional access point to Juniper Canyon might be ideal, it is not a necessity according to current emergency response assessments.

6. Public Input from the Community Survey

The community survey indicated that:

- 39% of respondents favored widening Juniper Canyon Road
- Only 26.8% supported the Highway 27 connection to Lower Davis Loop

7. This data suggests the majority of the community prefers improvements to existing infrastructure rather than the development of a new road through sensitive areas that would not provide the relief and address concerns most of the canyon has for a fire exit

8. Lack of Due Diligence Regarding the Gated Community

The fact that this road would enter a gated community has not been adequately addressed. At a prior meeting, it was stated that this issue would be dealt with "when the time comes." However, it is irresponsible to move forward with this plan under the TSP without first evaluating the legal, logistical, and community implications of introducing public access into a private, gated area.

Conclusion:

In light of these concerns, I strongly recommend that the proposed Highway 27 to Lower Davis Loop connection be removed from the current TSP draft. Moving forward without properly addressing safety issues, traffic impact, community feedback, and the unique implications of routing through a gated neighborhood would be premature and potentially harmful.

Thank you

Leean Porter

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