



March 21, 2011

Jerry Barton, Senior Transportation Planner
El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC)
2828 Easy Street, Suite 1
Placerville CA 95667

RE: Support Letter for the El Dorado Hills Community Transit Needs Assessment and US 50 Corridor Transit Operations Plan

Dear Mr. Barton:

The El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce fully supports the EDCTC grant application to obtain Transit Planning Grant funds for development of the “El Dorado Hills Community Transit Needs Assessment and US 50 Corridor Transit Operations Plan.” As a member of the El Dorado Hills community, our organization recognizes the need for local community transit service in the El Dorado Hills area. In spite of the current downturn in the economy, the El Dorado Hills area continues to grow and thrive. New developments, both commercial and residential have been recently completed or are currently in progress. The El Dorado Hills area is the most populous area of El Dorado County. Residents of El Dorado Hills are in need of a local transit service that links residential areas to schools and commercial areas including the El Dorado Hills business park and El Dorado Hills Town Center.

Public transportation improves the quality of life in communities by providing safe, efficient and economical service. It also serves as a vital component necessary for a healthy economy. Not only does public transit benefit the people who use it, it also benefits the community as a whole. Public transportation enhances local economic growth in many ways, increasing the local customer base for a range of services; ie; shopping malls, restaurants, medical facilities and other transportation services. As El Dorado Hills continues to grow public transit is a needed amenity.

In addition to our support for community transit service in El Dorado Hills, we are also very supportive of the concept of transitioning El Dorado Transit to a US 50 Corridor-Based Operations system. Such a system will improve the ability of individuals in the El Dorado Hills area to efficiently utilize transit to get to destinations in neighboring communities like Cameron Park, Diamond Springs and Placerville. We recognize the benefit this type of transit operations system will have improving transit service in all of western El Dorado County and encourage your efforts to obtain grant funding to make this transition.

The Chamber looks forward to working with EDCTC and El Dorado Transit to develop a plan for implementation of an effective and sustainable community transit service for the El Dorado Hills area.

Sincerely,

Debbie Manning
President and CEO
El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce