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Chamber Urges EDH Representation for Transportation Commission  
*Your Voice is Needed....NOW!*

There are times when change is being considered and your voice can make a big difference. If you live or work in El Dorado Hills and want our roads improved, this is that time. The El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) met on Thursday, July 3, when the governance structure of the commission and the distribution of Regional Surface Transportation Program funds were discussed.

This is an important group, as the (EDCTC) determines the allocation of state and federal transportation/road improvement funds to local transportation projects in our county. The Transportation Commission is governed by a six member Board of Directors. Three directors come from our county's Board of Supervisors and three come from the Placerville City Council. This structure might have made sense 13 years ago when it was adopted. Given the rapid growth in EDH, the population trends and transportation needs within our County have changed dramatically since 1995. Under the Commission's current structure, projects within the Placerville appear to have an advantage given their three directors, plus one more director who is a County Supervisor representing their area. EDH has two representatives, at best, to provide input on proposals and never a majority to carry any proposal.

T Abraham, Chairman of the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce Board, addressed the commission agreeing with Supervisor Dupray, that the current structure which allows Placerville 50% or more of the votes on the EDCTC when they have 7% of the County's population needs to be revisited. The Commission voted to appoint a sub-committee consisting of Supervisor Dupray and Placerville Mayor Carl Hagen, to bring back recommendations to the Commission.

While T was joined by others from EDH at the meeting, many more voices need to be heard if we are going to get a change in governance. Please send an email to Supervisor Dupray ([bosone@co.el-dorado.ca.us](mailto:bosone@co.el-dorado.ca.us)) and/or Supervisor Helen Baumann ([bostwo@co.el-dorado.ca.us](mailto:bostwo@co.el-dorado.ca.us)) by July 25 encouraging a new composition of the EDCTC that more accurately represents all the changes that have happened since 1995.