# CARSON CROSSING ROAD County Acceptance Issues

A Pictorial Review

Concerned Residents of El Dorado Hills Heritage Village nonprofit pubic benefit corporation

#### Issues and Concerns

- Carson Crossing Road is a traffic loop around two senior citizen residential communities
- Future plans to expand, widen, and/or connect Carson Crossing do not include current assessments of traffic, noise, and environmental impacts to the Carson Creek Preserve
- New proposals for development in the south of US50/Latrobe corridor including business park rezoning and public amenities have not adequately assessed the unique impacts on the senior communities
- Developer Lennar has requested transfer of its private roadway to the County without public input, especially from those with financial obligation to CFD 2014-1

#### Requested Actions

- Postpone the acceptance of Carson Crossing Road until other requests are complete
- New information and new development have identified impacts that require new studies
  - Changes in traffic patterns from Blackstone and the EDH Business Park
    - Pending plans for Carson Creek Village, Creekside Village and the future CSD Community Park
  - Noise impacts that were not assessed for residences within 100 feet of Carson Creek
  - An amended CEQA EIR to incorporate new biological studies confirming existence of species of concerns in or near Carson Creek Preserve
  - Unassessed impacts of the White Rock/Capital Southeast Connector and new Empire Ranch Hwy 50 exchange with extension to Carson Crossing

# Aerial-Carson Crossing Area View



# Heritage Village Carson Crossing Arial View



## View 1: From Golden Foothills Rd





#### View 2: No Wall Sound Barrier





#### View 3: No Sound Barrier





#### View 4: No Sound Barrier





#### View 5: No Sound Barrier





#### View 6: Cross Walk at Palmdale





## View 7: Sound Wall at Palmdale





#### View 8: No Sound Barrier to Pacifico





# View 9: Road Impacts on Preserve





# View 10: No Sound Barrier at park





#### View 11: Partial Barrier





# View 12: Egress from De La Vina





# View 13: Road Impact on Preserve





#### View 14: No Sound Barrier





#### View 15: No Sound Barrier





#### View 16: No Sound Barrier





#### View 16: No Sound Barrier





#### Southern Mission Canyon Intersection





Very poor visibility approaching southern Mission Canyon westbound on Carson Crossing.



Unacceptable visibility exiting southern Mission Canyon to Carson Crossing (note that a left turn to eastbound Mission Canyon is allowed).

#### Northern Mission Canyon Intersection







Poor visibility exiting northern Mission Canyon at Carson Crossing (looking south).

Unacceptable visibility exiting northern Mission Canyon to Carson Crossing (looking north).

#### Northern Mission Canyon Intersection





Unacceptable visibility approaching northern Mission Canyon from westbound Carson Crossing (looking north). There is a red vehicle that is hidden by the vegetation.

Deficiencies of the two Mission Canyon intersections should be mitigated by installing stop signs at this intersection to facilitate safe ingress/egress to the development and to deter the unsafe vehicle speeds on Carson Crossing.

#### Heritage Parkway Intersection





Poor visibility of oncoming traffic in left turn lane approaching Heritage Parkway eastbound Carson Crossing (looking east). There has been at least one major vehicle accident at this site.

This intersection provides the only access to the Heritage community recreation facilities and is heavily used by pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles. Bicyclists exiting Heritage Parkway to reach the eastbound bicycle lane must cross here to proceed to the main Heritage Clubhouse and the public park.

Stop signs on Carson Crossing at this intersection would mitigate the deficiencies and would deter the unsafe vehicle speeds.

## Other Carson Crossing Issues

- Email response of 5/16 to Adam Bane identified additional items
  - Sidewalk cracks and chips
  - Curbing chips
  - Road signage destroyed by construction equipment
  - Squared curb rather than tapered starts to roadside curbing
  - Poorly designed open drainage culverts
    - Noticeable erosion in several area
    - Improper slope/drain grate heights
    - Some culverts filling with erosion debris
  - Unnecessary hazard caused by steps left at sidewalk/trail junction
    - Remnant of Lennar's "ADA Compliant" fix to the locked trail gate

## Draft Carson Creek Preserve Plan Impacts

- The US Army Corps of Engineers identifies Carson Creek as Waters of US subject to regulation and with the US Dept of Fish and Wildlife orders a Long-Term Management Plan to preserve and protect Carson Creek and the adjacent land.
- The DRAFT Carson Creek Preserve Lon-Term Management Plan developed by Helix Environmental for Lennar confirmed the presence of multiple endangered, threatened or special concern species.
- The report nullifies the 1997 CEQA EIR negative declaration and requires and amendment to that EIR to assess these new and significant findings not previously assessed.
- The Carson Crossing culverts span this protected waterway and lands
- The acceptance of the Carson Crossing as a County owned roadway must assess the impacts and maintenance assumed under the identified Zone of Benefit

# View Carson Creek Preserve / Carson Crossing



# Zone of Benefit for Carson Crossing Culverts



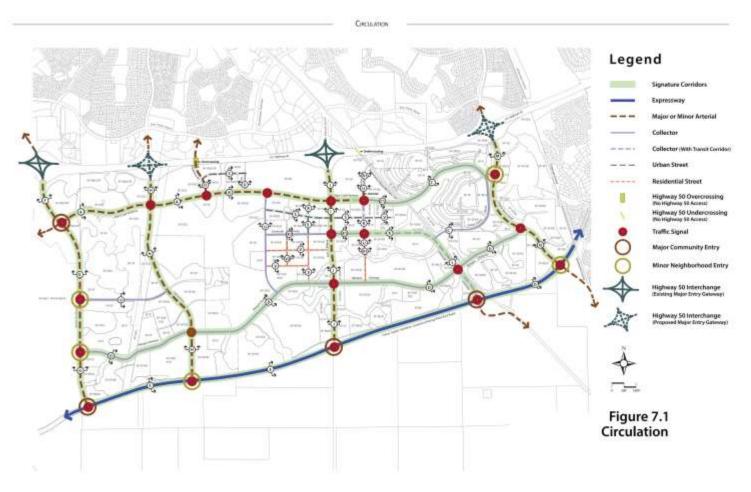
# Empire Ranch/Carson Crossing Exchange

- At least two proposed plans for an Empire Ranch HWY 50 exchange connects Carson Crossing
- No study has been conducted on the impact to residents of the 55+
   Age restricted communities of Heritage Village and Four Seasons
- No comprehensive transportation has been conduct relative to the project
- No CEQA EIR has been forthcoming based upon new biological findings
- No economic impact reviews on residential and commercial properties in the regional has been conducted
- Unresolved question: Will it be necessary to widen to four lanes

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Folsom Ranch Plans for connecting roadways to the new Empire Ranch/US 50 Interchange currently assume connections for the proposed Latrobe/US 50 connectors

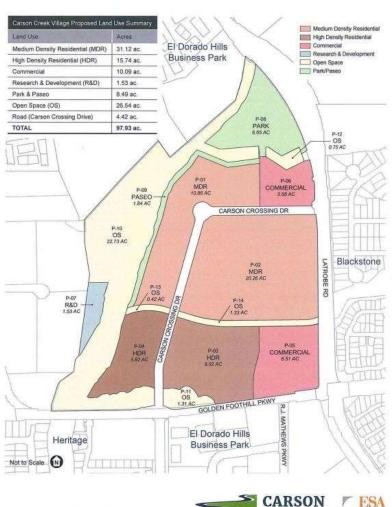
# Empire Ranch/Carson Creek Exchange Alt



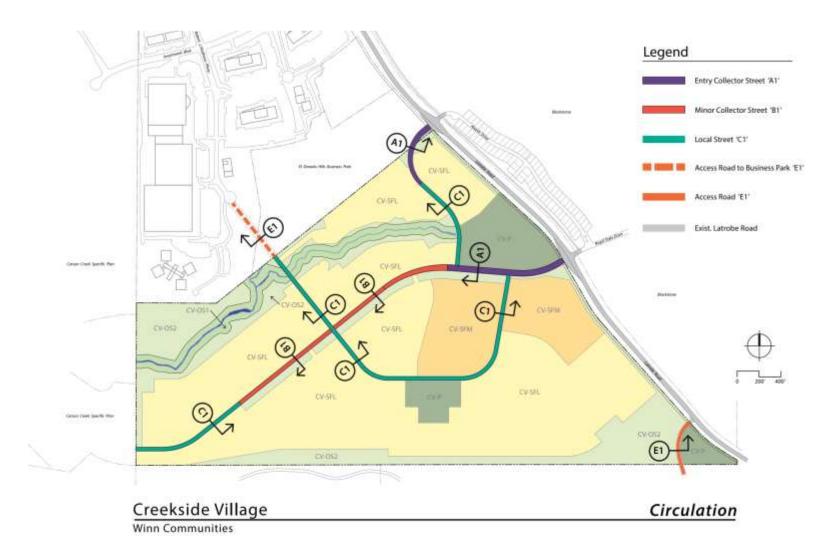
## Carson Creek Village Proposal

- Preliminary proposal for a mixed use low to high density residential community has been reviewed by the Board of Supervisors
- The County DOT recommended the extension of Carson Crossing to Latrobe Road as preferrable to the use of Robert Mathews Road
  - Creekside Village and the CSD Community Park assume use of Robert Mathews in circulation plans
- The residents of Heritage Village were not consulted
- No assessment of the additional maintenance resulting from increased traffic on Carson Crossing
- Funding of road improvements and maintenance is not clearly defined (CFD-2014)

## Carson Creek Village ... CC Road extension



## Creekside Village Circulation



Creekside Village plans indicate access via Robert Mathews Pkwy likely directing a significant amount of traffic north to Golden Foothills Pkwy and ultimately via Carson Crossing to the Empire Ranch/US 50 interchange.

The EDH CSD has acquired 50 acres for a new Community Park site in addition to the already CCSP designated 30 acre EDC Regional Park site with access to both via development.

#### HOW DO WE JOINTLY PROCEDE?