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Dear Mr. Rusty Dupray:

I am writing in regards to your article in the Mountain Democrat regarding transportation needs with our expanding population growth.

23-1 I would like to see major improvements in El Dorado County as for our rural needs. I live in Mosquito/Swansboro Area. Our 2 main roads Mosquito and Rock Creek are in terrible condition. I've requested action from the county road department but nothing seems to be done. Our population growth has exploded! Many people are scared, and angry to drive these roads. I wish these roads to be paved, to give us more turnouts, and signs, i.e.: slower traffic use turnouts!! We have transportation issues daily!! I'm surprised no one has been assaulted yet and/or killed. We have sagging Rock Creek, and the numerous landslides of boulders, rocks, dirt etc.. We have some people going 15 mph and others 40 mph. Many older drivers try to block the narrow roadways refinishing to go faster. Legally both roadways are 55 mph, however the general public is unaware of this fact!! The commute to Sacramento has become dreadful! Bumper to bumper on a daily basis to and from Sacramento since I moved here 7 years ago. We already have a big problem!!!! We have considered leaving this area entirely due to these facts of transportation issues alone! And, this doesn't even address the other transits/travelers going through Placerville, and Placerville downtown congestion and Missouri Flat Area!

Affordable housing (& lack of) is the prime reason we settled where we did. The geography is beautiful but the every day grind is dreadful!!! I keep increasing my commute time. A twelve hour a day drag!! 8 hours work, 3-4 hour drive!

Good luck with the project!

Thanks for listening!

Sincerely,

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