



BASS LAKE ACTION COMMITTEE TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

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The County of El Dorado Planning & Building Department Planning Services Division
The County of El Dorado Planning Commission

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Honorable Commissioners,

The Bass Lake Action Committee (BLAC) Traffic Safety Committee (TSC), would like to submit the following public comments, with respect to Serrano Village J7 (PD18-0005 / TM18-1536), on the impacts to Bass Lake area transportation, circulation, and pedestrian safety. The TSC is comprised of residents of Bridlewood Canyon, Woodridge, and The Hills of El Dorado villages in the Bass Lake Area of El Dorado Hills.

We collected collision data from the California Highway Patrol's Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) for the ten-year period of 2009 – 2019 for the segment of Bass Lake Rd from Serrano Pkwy in the south, to Green Valley Rd in the north. Oddly, there were a handful of collisions, known to BLAC members, that don't show up in this data: 1) A BLAC Member's collision on Bass Lake Rd at Bridlewood Dr in 2010, 2) A rollover accident on Bass Lake Rd just north of Lambeth Rd where a BLAC member assisted in removing a victim from their overturned vehicle in 2017, and 3) A BLAC member rendered assistance to a vehicle on Bass Lake Rd, just south of Madera Way in 2018, that had lost control and crossed into oncoming traffic, damaging their vehicle, before coming to rest in the opposite lane of travel.

The California Highway Patrol only has collision data retained for a ten-year period. Prior to the 2009-2019 data we were able to collect, there were at least four fatal accidents on Bass Lake Rd between Madera Way and Hill Rd in the 1995–2008 time frame. There was also a fatal motorcycle accident in June 2019 at Bass Lake Rd and Sandhurst Hill Rd that is not reflected in the 2009-2019 data, as well as three recent collisions in the last four weeks between Serrano Pkwy and Magnolia Hills Dr.



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SOURCE: California Highway Patrol Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) DATA
BASS LAKE RD: SERRANO PARKYWAY to GREEN VALLEY ROAD Collision Data 2009-2019

113 Reported Collisions on Bass Lake Rd

73 between Bridlewood Dr and Woodleigh Ln: Distance of 4968 feet

LOCATION	OVERTURNED	HEAD-ON	REAR-END	BROADSIDE	HIT OBJECT	SIDESWIPED
Madera Way	6	2	1	0	11	2
Hill Rd	1	1	0	0	2	0
Sandhurst Hill Rd	2	1	0	1	5	1
Magnolia Hills Dr	1	0	0	1	4	0
Bridlewood Dr	1	0	7	1	7	1
Woodleigh Lane	0	1	3	2	3	3

See full Exhibit [CHP-BLR1](#)

It is interesting to note, that there were almost the same number of rear-end collisions in the 2009-2019 time period occurring at Bass Lake Rd & Bridlewood Dr (QTY 7) with only four lanes of travel, as there were at Green Valley Rd and Bass Lake Rd (QTY 8) with a cumulative eleven lanes of travel.

We would also like to submit for review the following articles from the [November 2007 issue of the Bass Lake Bulletin](#) in regards to historic concerns with the impact of the J7 project on Bass Lake Rd:

1) EDH APAC REVIEWS SERRANO VILLAGE J-7 DEVELOPMENT PLANS

APAC is concerned that the traffic circulation pattern for the proposed project provides that future residents may make unregulated left turns across Bass Lake Road to enter or leave the project. The Committee is concerned that Bass Lake Road is becoming a well-traveled road, and such left turns may be hazardous. APAC recommends that the County Department of Transportation do a very thorough review of the left-turn traffic pattern associated with entering and exiting the proposed project.

2) BLAC COMMENTS ON SERRANO VILLAGE J-7 DEVELOPMENT

BLAC shares the concerns of the El Dorado Area Planning Advisory Committee, in that the proposed three-story houses planned along the boundary of neighboring Bridlewood Canyon would be incompatible with the existing Bridlewood architecture. BLAC is also concerned that the fifteen-foot rear setbacks of the project would create substantial visual impact and the smaller lot densities would be inconsistent with the policies set forth in the El Dorado Hills Specific Plan. BLAC is additionally concerned that the addition of an entry and exit from the J-7 homes will add to a series of driveways on a short-curved stretch of Bass Lake Road that requires left turns in order for emerging motorists to travel south on the roadway. Another issue is that any road improvements will require that the roadway be relocated to the center of the 100-foot right-of-way along that route. Such a realignment could take out a substantial part of the existing land and driveway now in front of Bridlewood Canyon (see photos on this and the front page).



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3) COUNTY HOLDS TAC MEETING ON J-7 PROJECT

BLAC representative Greg Violette attended the TAC meeting and raised BLAC's concerns about the project, including the setback distance, three story structures and traffic. Greg suggested that it was the responsibility of the Department of Transportation to do a thorough review of the Bass Lake Road traffic corridor as a whole and not as unrelated parts.

Greg specifically raised the issue of line-of-sight for cars exiting Village J-7 onto Bass Lake Road.

Parker Development representative Kirk Bone also urged DOT to thoroughly review the entire Bass Lake Road corridor, not only the portions of the road that front Parker's developments.

The DOT representatives at the meeting sought to allay the BLAC concerns by asserting that the proposed modifications to Bass Lake Road would address that issue. Present plans call for the road to narrow over the portion of road way that crosses the waters of Bass Lake then widen out in front of Bridlewood Canyon. DOT informed Parker that Parker would be responsible for road improvements to the right of way, though Parker would be eventually eligible for reimbursement for doing so.

Bass Lake Bulletin December 2007 articles attached: Exhibit [BLB-V-NO12-2007](#)

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to provide public comment on this project.

Warm regards,

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