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EL DORADO TRANSIT AUTHORITY BEGINS GRADING WORK ON BASS LAKE ROAD PARK AND RIDE



Future El Dorado Transit Park & Ride facility, Old Bass Lake Road at Country Club Drive - image credit: John Davey

By John Davey

Work has begun on grading Phase 1 of the El Dorado Transportation Authority's 100 space park and ride facility.

The Park and Ride facility is located on the west side of the Bass Lake Road - Country Club Drive signalized intersection is technically located on "Old Bass Lake Road". A future extension of Country Club Drive westward to Tong Road/Silva Valley Parkway, and eventually extending further west to El Dorado Hills Blvd are planned in the 20-year El Dorado

County West Slope Capital Improvement Program.

The Park and Ride facility was a requirement of the revised 2016 Bass Lake Hills Specific Plan. The approved 90-home Bass Lake North development, now under construction as "Hidden Ridge" by Toll Brothers, is responsible for funding the first phase 100 space facility. The Bass Lake North project is also funding an extension of the Class A bicycle lane on the east side of Bass Lake Road from the Hollow Oak Drive intersection south to US50.

A Phase two expansion of the Park and Ride facility will provide an additional 100 parking spaces, funded by future development in the Bass Lake Hills Specific Plan.

The regularly scheduled weekend Household Hazardous Waste collection events will eventually be moved from EDH Fire Department 86 on Bass Lake Road to the new Park and Ride facility after it has been completed.

The Park and Ride facility will also
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provide access to future connectivity of planned trails in and around the Bass Lake Hills Specific Plan area, and westward towards Serrano El Dorado.

Additional improvements planned for the Park and Ride facility include signage, landscaping and lighting, bus shelters, and Electric Vehicle charging stations.

MORE FUNDS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE IN COUNTY'S BUDGET

By John Davey

El Dorado County is taking steps to address its road maintenance needs by approving a budget that includes significant funding for infrastructure improvements. The Chief Administrative Office's recommended fiscal year 2023-24 budget, amounting to \$1 billion, was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors.

One of the noteworthy aspects of the approved budget is the emphasis on road maintenance. The board exceeded its policy goal of contributing \$5 million of discretionary revenues to road maintenance by an additional \$4.4 million. This extra funding was made possible through the board's decision to utilize local tribal funding, demonstrating a commitment to addressing the county's pressing infrastructure needs.

District 1 Supervisor John Hidahl applauded the increased funding for road maintenance but also raised concerns about overspending without identifying alternative funding sources. While the county has made significant progress in allocating funds for road improvements, Hidahl emphasized the need to strike a balance between addressing public demands and funding other critical areas that may not be as visible to the public.

Although the budget reflects a strong commitment to road maintenance, there are indications that the county may experience slower growth in discretionary revenues. Property tax revenue is expected to grow by 4% in the current fiscal year, while sales and use tax revenue is projected to increase by half a percent. County officials have warned about the potential slowdown in discretionary revenue growth since the start of the pandemic in 2020.

Emma Owens, an analyst from the Chief Administrative Office, highlighted the indicators pointing towards slowing discretionary revenue growth. While it remains uncertain, this potential slowdown raises concerns about the county's ability to sustain the increased funding for road maintenance in the long term.

In addition to road maintenance, the budget addresses various other priorities and challenges. With an estimated \$247 million needed for county buildings in need of replacement within the next 10-20 years, investments of \$10-\$21 million per year in building maintenance are required. While increases in funding for planned capital projects are anticipated, the budget does not

identify any additional funding sources.

Supervisor Hidahl acknowledged the need to explore grants and loans to offset potential future deficits, expressing a desire to ensure the county receives its fair share of available funds from federal and state governments. Collaborating with organizations like the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) to access grant opportunities and lobby for funding becomes crucial in addressing the funding stream deficits.

El Dorado County's approved budget for fiscal year 2023-24 demonstrates a stronger commitment to road maintenance and infrastructure improvements. With increased funding allocated for road work, the county aims to address critical infrastructure needs. However, potential funding challenges and the need to identify additional funding sources pose significant long-term considerations.

CPUC PROVIDES MORE NUMBERS FOR THE 530

Press Release

The California Public Utilities Commission June 8 approved a second area code (called an overlay) that will provide additional numbering resources while minimizing customer inconvenience in the geographic region served by the 530 area code. The new area code to overlay the 530 area codes is 837.

CPUC officials say the second area code will ensure telephone numbers

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continue to be available to meet demand.

The 530 area code is projected to run out of available prefixes (the first three numbers after the area code in a telephone number) during the third quarter of 2025, according to a CPUC news release. CPUC's action approves the request of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, the neutral third-party area code relief planner for California, for an area code overlay.

No existing customers will be required to change their area code or specific telephone number. The new overlay area code of 837 will be available for new telephone number assignments in the same region as the 530 area code upon exhaust of available prefixes in the existing 530 area code.

The 530 area code covers most of the northeastern portion of California, including all or portions of Alpine, Butte, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo and Yuba counties. It serves cities and communities including but not limited to Chico, Davis, El Dorado Hills, Oroville, Paradise, Placerville, Red Bluff, Redding, South Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Woodland and Yuba City, as well as unincorporated areas.

An area code overlay adds an additional area code to the geographic region served by the existing area code(s). Therefore, multiple area codes co-exist within the same geographic region. Existing 530/837

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customers will retain their area code and specific telephone number(s). Customers will continue to dial the three-digit area code for all calls to and from telephone numbers with the 530 and 837 area codes. The price of a call will not change due to the overlay. Customers can still dial just three digits to reach 911, as well as 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, 711 and 811.

Below are some tips to help prepare for the area code overlay:

- Contact security or alarm vendors to update dial-up numbers to avoid a break in security routines and contacts.
- Reprogram equipment or features, i.e., automatic dial, speed dial, call forwarding, modems for computer or Internet dial-up access, etc.
- Update items like stationery, checks, etc., to include your area code and telephone number.
- Provide your area code and telephone number, not just the telephone number, as needed.
- When asking for someone's number, remember to ask for the area code too.
- Remember that the previous area code and the new area code will co-exist within the same geographic region.

The 530 area code was formed in 1997 when the CPUC approved an area code split of the 916 area code, introducing the 530 area code.

More information on the 530 area code is available at cpuc.ca.gov/530areacode.

The CPUC regulates services and utilities, protects consumers,

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safeguards the environment and assures Californians' access to safe and reliable utility infrastructure and services. For more information visit cpuc.ca.gov

EDH CSD OPENS NEW BLACKSTONE PARK

By John Davey

The El Dorado Hills Community Services DIstrict (EDH CSD), recently celebrated the opening of its newest park, Blackstone Park. The EDH CSD welcomed the park to the Blackstone Community on June 17, marking an exciting addition to the neighborhood. Blackstone Park, spanning 13.6 acres, offers a nature-themed experience for residents and visitors, providing various amenities and recreational opportunities.

The park is located at 1881 Blackstone Parkway.

Unlike a traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony, the EDH CSD opted for a unique approach by inviting children to participate in a "ribbon pulling" activity. This inclusive approach allowed families to actively engage in the grand opening, fostering a sense of community involvement from the start. The event also featured face painting, an interpretive trail walk, a scavenger hunt, and refreshments like coffee and donuts, ensuring a fun-filled celebration for all attendees.

Blackstone Park is the 28th park in the district and the fourth park located south of Highway 50 in El Dorado Hills. Its design reflects a focus on nature and outdoor activities, providing swing sets, a green field for

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play, a zip line, multiple playground sets, and educational signage. Visitors can also explore the park's self-contained half-mile loop trail, which features concrete-imprinted paw prints to educate visitors about native animals. Other amenities include public restrooms, shock-absorbing ground covers for safety, and adjacent wetlands, enhancing the park's natural surroundings.



Image credit Gold Country Media

While some final touches are still being made to ensure the park's perfection, it is already open for public use. Blackstone Park offers convenient accessibility, situated alongside Blackstone Parkway and less than a mile away from another recently constructed park, Valley View Sports Park. Residents of the Blackstone Community can easily bike to the park and utilize the bike racks provided. Those within walking distance can access the park via the Blackstone HOA Trail, which connects to the park's trail loop.

EDH CSD plans to make the shaded seating area and pavilion available for public rental. This opens up opportunities for hosting parties, gatherings, and social functions in a beautiful outdoor setting. The district

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looks forward to residents and local organizations utilizing this space to create memorable experiences and foster community connections.



Image credit Gold Country Media

COUNTY ADULT DAY PROGRAM ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS

Press Release

The El Dorado County Adult Day Program has several program openings and is accepting new members. The Adult Day Program (also known as "The Club") provides care and activities for adults who need supervision during daytime hours to keep them safe and enjoying their day. The program has locations in both Placerville and El Dorado Hills.

"The Adult Day Program is extremely important for both our members and family caregivers," said Yvette Wencke, El Dorado County Senior Services manager. "Our members not only benefit from a safe and structured day, but also are actively engaged in group and social activities that are vital for the health of any older adult. The program also gives family caregivers a respite or the ability to go to work knowing their loved one is being well cared for."

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Most program participants are older adults who are isolated or alone or who need a little extra help due to declining health, Parkinson's disease, stroke, Alzheimer's disease or related dementia, according to Wencke. "The Club provides individual attention for members, a healthy lunch and snacks, and a multitude of activities, including group exercise, crafts, modified sports, speakers, and live music. Supportive services, education and referrals are also available for members and their families," she explained.

The Club is a program of the El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency and has been in operation since August 1989. In addition to new members, the program is also accepting applications from those interested in serving as volunteers. For information about The Club in Placerville call Nancy Wilson at (530) 621-6180. To reach The Club in El Dorado Hills call Jillien Smith at (916) 358-3560. Additional information about the program can also be found online at edcgov.us/ads.

The EL DORADO HILLS CENTER is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and is located at 990 Lassen Lane in El Dorado Hills (behind the El Dorado Hills Senior Center). Extended hours available for an additional fee. For questions, please call (916) 358-3560 or email at: sdinfo@edcgov.us



EDH TOWN CENTER FREEDOM & FIREWORKS CONCERT

El Dorado Hills Town Center provides Details of the July 3, 2023 event:

JULY 3 – FIREWORKS AND FREEDOM CONCERT, Monday, 6pm-11pm, El Dorado Hills Town Center. We are thrilled to continue the award-winning Fireworks & Freedom Concert this year! This event will be celebrating 12 spectacular years. Plan on celebrating Independence Day with exciting entertainment for all ages! Stroll the Boulevard, and enjoy live music, food trucks, and special vendors. Entertain the kids in the Kids Zone complete with bounce houses, face painting, balloon artists, and a DJ playing games and giving away prizes benefitting Hands4Hope Youth Making A Difference. The Freedom Concert starts at 8pm in the Steven Young Amphitheater and the evening will conclude with a spectacular new fireworks display.

Don't miss the highly anticipated Fireworks Show and Freedom Concert in El Dorado Hills. Ring in Independence Day with exciting entertainment for all ages!

- Live music with Big Crush
- Kids zone
- Food vendors & trucks
- Beer and wine available for purchase
- Fireworks begin at 9:30

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Fireworks & **FREEDOM CONCERT**

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FIREWORKS AT 9:30PM
by Pyro Spectaculars

KIDS ZONE 6:00-9:30PM
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DEVELOPER TRAFFIC FEES HOT TOPIC FOR SUPERVISORS

By John Davey

El Dorado County is facing a significant challenge in collecting much-needed funds from developers for essential road improvements. The issue came to light during a recent Board of Supervisors meeting, where Auditor-Controller Joe Harn shed light on the potential loss of millions of dollars that could have been allocated to address traffic congestion and infrastructure needs.

A Missed Opportunity for Road Improvements:

El Dorado County's 20-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) serves as a crucial roadmap for identifying and planning necessary transportation infrastructure upgrades. However, during the recent Board of Supervisors meeting, several issues with the county's 2023 CIP were brought to light. One of the key concerns was the omission of certain projects from the Traffic Impact Fee Program (TIF), which collects fees from developers to fund road improvements.

District 4 Supervisor Lori Parlin highlighted the removal of projects from the CIP back in 2016, which had a direct impact on the calculation of developer fees. With these projects no longer included, the county is losing out on collecting fees that are meant to finance future road needs. Parlin stressed the importance of fulfilling the county's obligation to collect these fees to ensure adequate funding for road projects.

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Construction Delays and Funding Challenges:

Apart from the issues surrounding developer fees, supervisors also expressed their disappointment with construction delays and apparent funding challenges for various projects. District 1 Supervisor John Hidahl voiced concerns about the lengthy timelines for projects like the proposed Bass Lake Road and Bridlewood Drive roundabout, which is not scheduled for construction until 2033 at the earliest. Hidahl questioned the county's approach of delaying projects due to uncertainty about collecting sufficient TIF funds, emphasizing that the public expects timely action and sufficient funding.

El Dorado County Department of Transportation (DOT) staff cited staffing shortages and funding limitations as reasons for the delayed road projects. They explained that projects without identified construction funding are pushed further into the 10- or 20-year cycle. The scarcity of funding at the state level, coupled with the competitive nature of grant opportunities favoring active transportation projects, further exacerbates the funding challenges. With limited resources available, obtaining funding for road improvements becomes increasingly difficult.

Proposed Solutions and Future Steps:

Supervisor Hidahl proposed outsourcing help during the design phases of the projects to expedite the process and reduce costs associated with extended timelines. The logic behind this approach is that time is money, and prolonged delays lead to increased material and labor costs.

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Hidahl emphasized the need to prioritize getting the work done promptly once funding has been authorized.

In response to the concerns raised, the Department of Transportation staff has been directed to hold a workshop with the Board of Supervisors in late August. This workshop aims to discuss the CIP and the Traffic Impact Fee Program, including the possibility of reintroducing previously removed projects. The staff will conduct a preliminary analysis within 30 days following the workshop and propose potential actions for the board to consider.

Looking Ahead:

El Dorado County's challenge in collecting developer fees and securing funding for road improvements highlights the complex nature of infrastructure planning and financing. With limited resources available and increased competition for grants, county leaders face the daunting task of striking a balance between timely action and financial feasibility. The upcoming workshop and the subsequent five-year CIP update scheduled for completion in 2024 will play crucial roles in charting the county's course forward.



REMINDER **ALL FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN EL DORADO COUNTY**

By John Davey

ALL FIREWORKS are illegal in El Dorado County. This includes fireworks labeled as "safe and sane". It is illegal to use, store, possess, transport, or discharge ANY FIREWORKS.

If you observe dangerous or illegal activities, please contact the El Dorado County Sheriff Dispatch at 530-621-6600

For Emergencies call 9-1-1.



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**From The BLAC Board
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JUNE LOCAL MEETING RECORDINGS

By John Davey

Recordings of local meetings in El Dorado Hills and El Dorado County in May 2023.

**El Dorado Hills Community
Council Meetings:** First Monday of
each month.

June Meeting
<https://youtu.be/LqByVjWH4IQ>

**El Dorado Hills Area Planning
Advisory Committee Meetings:**
Typically the second Wednesday of
each Month
June Meeting
<https://www.youtube.com/live/8MrdooWNmsk>

**El Dorado Hills Community
Services District Board of Directors**
Meetings: Second Thursday of each
month
June Meeting
<http://basslakeaction.net/edhcsd-june-2023>

El Dorado Irrigation District Board
June Meeting: June 26, 2023
9AM-2PM

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EID Meetings, Agendas, Minutes -
<https://www.eid.org/about-us/board-of-directors/meetings-agendas-and-minutes>

**EID Recorded Meetings on EID
YouTube Channel -**
<https://www.youtube.com/@eldoradoirrigationdistrict3994>



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NEXT BLAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Board of Directors meetings are held quarterly, and all members are invited to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday August 14th at 7PM in-person & virtual via ZOOM. Members will receive the Agenda & Meeting link/location details via email

For more information about meetings and membership, please contact Vice-President John Davey at 530-676-2657, or email basslakemembers@gmail.com.

Bass Lake Area Residents can also visit our online membership form at <http://basslakeaction.net/members>