

From: [Barbara Cole](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 12:27:35 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

We need every tree!!!

I'm writing to express my opposition to the goals and objectives related to the proposed Eastside Parkway, which were developed without an analysis of regional transportation needs and continue to prioritize the ill-conceived Eastside Parkway, a senseless and expensive road through valuable oak woodlands.

Adopt those proposed by LandWatch, which focus on regional transportation needs and make it a priority to improve existing roads to address those needs.

Encourage alternative transportation.

Sincerely,

From: [Gordy](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 12:31:28 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

I know this is a prewritten response, but it says everything that needs to be said on this matter. Please take it to heart.

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Sincerely,
Gordon Kauhanen, Monterey, CA

From: [Kathey Felt](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 12:42:03 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,
Kathey Felt

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jeff Hawkins](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 1:13:12 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

I've lived on the Monterey Peninsula for 25 years and wish you would focus your attention on urgent items other than the Eastside Parkway!!

I'm writing to express my opposition to the goals and objectives related to the proposed Eastside Parkway, which were developed without an analysis of regional transportation needs and continue to prioritize the ill-conceived Eastside Parkway, a senseless and expensive road through valuable oak woodlands. As an alternative to the goals advanced by your staff, I urge you to adopt those proposed by LandWatch, which focus on regional transportation needs and make it a priority to improve existing roads to address those needs. FORA has wasted an enormous amount of time and public funds promoting the Eastside Parkway, the freeway to nowhere. It is time to stop the waste and listen to the public.

Sincerely,
Jeff Hawkins

From: [Cathy Wooten](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 1:14:54 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,
Cathy Wooten
Pacific Grove

Sent from my iPad

From: [Lisa Ciani](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 1:43:02 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

I'm writing in concert with LandWatch to express my opposition to the proposed goals and objectives related to the Eastside Parkway. Those goals were developed without an analysis of regional transportation needs and continue to prioritize the ill-conceived Eastside Parkway, a senseless and expensive road through valuable oak woodlands.

The 18 "primary objectives" released this week for Eastside Parkway include "minimiz[ing] impacts" to natural resources (pristine oak woodland habitat, special status species—but not other native species—and wildlife corridors), and to the aesthetic character of the area. Minimizing impacts has come to mean "doing the minimum" to protect resources. Fort Ord is a national and regional treasure, and the natural and aesthetic resource protections need to be maximized! The last number I read for the number of coast live oaks that would be removed for the Eastside Parkway was 11,000 (Monterey County Weekly, January 13, 2017). Is that the minimized number? Or, how many thousands would be a minimized number?

As an alternative to the goals advanced by your staff, I URGE YOU TO ADOPT THE GOALS PROPOSED BY LANDWATCH, which focus on regional transportation needs and make it a priority to IMPROVE EXISTING ROADS to address those needs.

FORA has wasted an enormous amount of time and public funds promoting the Eastside Parkway, the "freeway to nowhere". After a very expensive lawsuit that FORA and the County lost to Keep Fort Ord Wild, the plans for Eastside Parkway continue. It is time to STOP THE WASTE AND LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC. Please reject the staff's proposed goals and vote for improving existing roads.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ciani
220 Walnut Street
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

From: [Timothy Smith](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 1:58:12 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,

From: pmcneill64@gmail.com on behalf of [Pat McNeill](#)
To: [FORA Board](#); [Mary Israel](#)
Subject: Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 2:07:51 PM

The now-antiquated route of an Eastside parkway is un-supportable. It would fragment valuable open space at great expense and shave mere seconds off a commute utilizing a streamlined intergarrison-8th ave connection to a Parker Flats-Eucalyptus. A portion of the savings can upgrade an all-weather, non-motorized corridor serving campus housing. Eastside parkway is redundant to significant segments of TAMC's multi-modal corridor.

By the way, my map suggests any route in the area should be more appropriately termed a 'northside' parkway connecting the east and west sides of the former Ft Ord.

Thank you,
Pat McNeill

From: joseph.russell
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 2:08:35 PM

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JOE RUSSELL

Former FORA Board President
Former Mayor of Del Rey Oaks

From: [Lynham](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Subject: Fwd: Eastside parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 2:18:49 PM

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lynham <lynham@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Feb 1 2018
To: planning@fora.org
Subject: Eastside parkway

Dear FORA Board members,

I continue to oppose the Eastside Parkway.

I am very concerned that any addition to roadways on Fort Ord wild lands will further disrupt wildlife habitat and animal migration routes. Any further loss of oak woodland will also harm ecotourism and nearby real estate values.

There is a stretch of Imjin Parkway, from Reservation to Imjin Rd., that is about 1.5 miles long. This is where the real bottleneck is on Imjin. A widening of this short stretch would greatly improve traffic movement along Imjin. This, along with round-abouts to be built on highway 68, TAMC's multi-modal plan, and other TAMC proposals, will greatly improve traffic speed, without damaging the rare maritime oak woodland that will draw increasing ecotourism, especially after the new campground is completed at Fort Ord Dunes State Park. Let's not "kill the goose that lays the golden egg"!

Thank you,
Lynn Hamilton

Sent from my iPad

From: [Michael McGirr](#) on behalf of mike.mcgirr@icloud.com
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org; [Mayor Gunter](#)
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 2:28:42 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

I'm writing to express my opposition to the goals and objectives related to the proposed Eastside Parkway, which were developed without an analysis of regional transportation needs and continue to prioritize the ill-conceived Eastside Parkway, a senseless and expensive road through valuable oak woodlands. As an alternative to the goals advanced by your staff, I urge you to adopt those proposed by LandWatch, which focus on regional transportation needs and make it a priority to improve existing roads to address those needs.

Can you help me understand how traffic gets to either of the stated terminus points of Schoonover Road or Eucalyptus Road? How do 18,586 vehicles get to either point and where do they go from there? We support a road system that will enhance commerce and traffic flow in the Salinas – Monterey – Seaside – Marina quad area but the proposed Eastside Parkway is destined to eradicate natural spaces and not solve the problem at hand.

The comments in the 02/02/18 meeting agenda for the so called Eastside Parkway “– Need” are not specific to a new road, but to traffic needs in general which would not be satisfied by the ill-conceived Eastside parkway. The traffic concerns would be better served through a comprehensive traffic re-alignment considering all existing roads and the improvements needed to handle the traffic projections.

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Sincerely,

Michael and Lisa McGirr, Salinas, CA

From: [Joyce Vandever](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 2:45:55 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

Please pay attention to the unique beauty of the land over which you have authority and respect the wishes of the public to keep much of those lands in their natural state into perpetuity. We do not need the Eastside Parkway. We do need the woodlands both for recreation and for the contribution of the trees to air quality. To build a freeway we don't need while despoiling one of the attractions that may bring visitors to drop coins in our coffers is not in our interest.

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Sincerely,

Joyce Vandever
Monterey

From: [Tom Graves](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: [Mayor Dallas](#)
Subject: Fwd: Eastside Parkway - public comments 1-31-2018
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 2:48:03 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Board Members,

Mayor Dallas asked me to forward this to you. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Tom Graves, MMC
City Clerk
831-620-2016 - o
408-201-3760 - c



----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Chris Mack** <gelffmack@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 1, 2018 at 8:40 AM
Subject: Fwd: Eastside Parkway - public comments 1-31-2018
To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us
Cc: Christopher Mack <gelffmack@gmail.com>

Please forward this to all city council members

chris mack

Re: Eastside Parkway (ESP)
Jan. 31,2018

Dear FORA Board Member

Although I respect FORA for bringing a project to the Board, The Eastside Parkway is not a solution to our "traffic congestion problems (FORA statement)". FORA has not demonstrated that there is, or how there is a need for this road, FORA has not presented any data that shows this road will correct any problem inside or outside of the Fort Ord lands.

The money and the time that will be spent on planning and building this project does not have merit. The money allocated for this project will be better spent elsewhere by improving existing roads.

This road project needs to be shelved. Please **Vote NO** to send this project to the bottom of the CIP priority list.

IF all of these below comments are not attended to , then **Vote NO** on approval of Goals and Objectives.

The goals and objectives show a bias to building a route in the open spaces/ oak woodland. "serve the area immediately south of CSUMB". The area immediately south of CSUMB is open space. Open space does not need a road built through it to continue being a successful open space. For the Goals to be fair and unbiased to all route possibilities the same wording needs to be applied to all goals. Remove this statement Or add serve the area south of 8th ST. Extension or Intergarrsision.

In the Goals and Objectives it states the purpose of the ESP is to " reduce future traffic congestion on Highway 1, 12th Street (now Imjin Parkway), Blanco Road, and the Del Monte/2nd/General Jim Moore Boulevard." This statement is false, over reaching and needs to be changed because many of these roads are far from capacity or aren't tied together at all. Also there is no data to support the claim of "reduce future traffic" FORA has not presented any data to support the "traffic congestion" claim, or that this road will accomplish what it's claimed purpose is.

--- 2nd/General Jim Moore Boulevard were FORA recent up graded roads and should have incorporated into their vehicle design these future vehicle loads. They are not being utilized to their capacity. General Jim Moore is a 4 lane road, what is the VPD before it gets over loaded? This statement claims these roads were poorly designed from the start.

----. Hwy 1, Blanco Rd. are roads that have vehicles traveling to multiple destinations, The ESP would not contribute to traffic de-congestion on these roads because The ESP is located in a remote section of the ex-base relative to Hwy1 and Blanco.

--- The statement “Design the project to respect and integrate natural resources by minimizing impacts to coast live oak woodland “ can’t be achieved if the route were to be placed in the oak woodland. Is removing up to 10,000 trees a minimal amount? what is the definition of "minimize"? This must be defined before the board can decide if they agree with the statement of “minimize and the word respect”.

--- "Improve mobility of emergency system responders, including, but not limited to, firefighter access “ No data has been presented to show that there is deficiency and impairment to emergency systems before adding this statement. Remove this statement.

---- The statement De-emphasize Inter-garrison needs be stricken from this document. This road will become more important and used when the 8th St. Extension is completed as a connection between East Garrison and The Dunes shopping area. This road will never be able to be de-emphasize.

—— The goals do not state the ESP will have any on-site benefit. Any new road should have benefits for the Fort Ord community.

—— “Minimize disrupting any community, including it’s expansion and circulation”- This statement is direct towards and is protective of CSUMB's maybe possible future expansion into their Open Space as defined y their 2017 Draft Master plan. While the goal “avoid bisecting CAUMB campus...” was removed, this was added. It is referenced to Public comments pg.76 (CSUMB). CSUMB has no plans for building on their OpenSpace. Remove “including it’s expansion and circulation”

—— If the above goal can be removed, then add this- “Design the project to respect and integrate into any community”

—— "Minimize noise impacts adjacent to sensitive receptors” Add “” Along the entire length of the road” Will there be sensitive receptors placed in the openspace or only in CSUMB?

—— FORA still owes TAMC \$35million(CIP 2017), FORA needs to pay

TAMC this money. This money will help build TAMC's planned traffic reducing improvements to the regional road system. It is an obligation from 1997. Get this off the books now instead of spending TAMC's money on the ESP.

— The role of FORA is to mitigate development on the base, not regional roads. This is TAMC's role.

There is not a development planned in the Parker Flats area, so this road does not offer anything in inter-base benefits. Regional traffic will not be improved with this road, and any vehicles using the ex-base for cross county travel will be accommodated by the existing road system, especially after all the other planned road improvements by FORA and TAMC are completed.

This road will not reimburse the community for the loss of quality of life that the open spaces/ oak woodland provides for our citizens.

Development is progressing rapidly in Marina and East Garrison and soon in Seaside Surplus II, therefore the 8th St. Extension, Gigling Rd and Imgin Pky. improvements are more current projects that need to be attended to now.

thank you
chris mack

From: [Mark Chaffey](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Subject: There is no reason to build the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 3:08:01 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

I am writing because I strongly oppose your plans to build the east side parkway. Why do you insist on providing overly built non-needed expensive infrastructure for development plans that are unlikely to ever be built? Freeway to nowhere is an appropriate slogan indeed!

By paving more and more oak woodlands and insisting on poorly planned development schemes you are in danger of killing the potential that Ft Ord offers for sustainable and appropriate development.

What happened to "University Villages"? Shopping Mall 1.0.

Sincerely,

Mark Chaffey
Electrical Engineer
hallchaffey@mac.com
(831) 775-1708

From: [Nancy Selfridge](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 3:10:21 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,
Nancy Selfridge

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Donna Penwell](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
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Sincerely,

Donna Penwell
1884 Nadina Street
Seaside, CA 93955

From: [Laura Yasu Murphy-Kuroda](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 3:27:57 PM

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Sincerely,
Laura Murphy

Seaside, CA

From: [Sheila Baldrige](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 3:43:09 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,

Sheila Baldrige
1132 Seaview Avenue
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

From: [Carole Erickson](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 3:50:31 PM

To: FORA Board Members:

This message is to express my opposition to the goals and objectives related to the proposed Eastside Parkway, which were developed without an analysis of regional transportation needs. That this board continues to prioritize the ill-conceived Eastside Parkway, a senseless and expensive road through valuable oak woodlands, makes no sense at all.

As an alternative to the goals advanced by your staff, I urge you to adopt those proposed by LandWatch, which focus on regional transportation needs and make it a priority to improve existing roads to address those needs.

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Sincerely,

Carole January
Carmel, 93923

From: [Gary Karnes](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 5:20:51 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,
Gary Karnes
Pacific Grove voter

From: [Michael DeLapa](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: [Dominique Jones](#); [Michael Houlemard](#)
Subject: LandWatch comments on the Eastside Parkway [NEW]
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 6:24:53 PM

Dear FORA Board,

LandWatch urges you to reject the Eastside Parkway goals and objectives your staff has proposed for the following reasons:

1. **No need.** FORA demonstrated no need for the Parkway. While Base Reuse Plan identifies the need for traffic mitigation on the former Fort Ord, the certified EIR does not identify the Eastside Parkway as required mitigation.
2. **Better ways to spend limited funds.** Money spent on the Eastside Parkway would be better spent on other priorities. For example, the greater Fort Ord community would benefit more from blight removal and investments in transportation improvement projects that meet regional needs, as identified by the Transportation Agency of Monterey County, rather than the Eastside Parkway.
3. **Destroys oak woodland habitat and recreational values.** The Parkway as originally proposed would bisect and destroy a valuable oak woodlands habitat that FORA is mandated to protect, and recreational areas that thousands of local residents regularly use.
4. **Unrealistically budgeted.** The cost of the Parkway will not be \$18 million as budgeted. The cost of the one-mile upgrade of Eucalyptus Rd. was \$5.8 million 15 years ago.
5. **Strong public opposition.** The public overwhelmingly opposes the Eastside Parkway, as demonstrated by the 33 letters you have received in opposition to it as compared with two letters in support. (We know of at least an additional 30+ opposition letters since your board packet was distributed.)

Alternatively, LandWatch urges you to adopt the three goals we proposed in our [December 19, 2017 letter](#):

1. **Prioritize regional transportation needs.** Identify and prioritize funding for the most economically and environmentally cost effective network of regional road improvements that by 2035 would mitigate known development impacts on the former Fort Ord and provide a level of service “D,” taking into account the Transportation Agency of Monterey County’s regional transportation plans, already programmed and funded road improvements and their expected benefits.
2. **Fix existing roads.** Correct existing, unprogrammed and unfunded road deficiencies prior to dealing with potential long-term deficiencies. For example, these could include the Highway 1 interchanges with Fremont Boulevard and Imjin Parkway.
3. **Reject new roads in oak woodlands.** Consistent with strong public sentiment at the public workshops, which also opposed the now defunct Monterey Downs and Whispering Oaks proposals, reject any new road that would significantly impact oak woodland habitat or induce growth.

If FORA persists with making the Eastside Parkway a priority, you can expect further public outrage, continued distractions of FORA staff from what should be higher priority economic development initiatives, significant expenditures of public funds on environmental reviews

and studies that will ultimately fail, other administrative costs, and an accelerated loss of public support.

FORA's first attempt at the Eastside Parkway wasted more than a \$1 million in public funds on lawyers, consultants and countless hours of staff and elected officials' time. This followed the County's failed effort on Whispering Oaks and Seaside's failed effort on Monterey Downs, which generated similar waste and loss of public confidence.

Please don't make that mistake again. Listen to the public. Reject the Eastside Parkway goals and objectives that FORA staff have drafted.

Regards,

Michael

Michael D. DeLapa
Executive Director
[LandWatch Monterey County](#)
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From: [Leonard Laub](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 6:39:22 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,

Leonard Laub
City of Monterey Resident

From: [Nicky Swanson](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 7:18:04 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,
Nicky Swanson
22641 Murietta Rd
Salinas, CA 93908

From: [George Riley](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org; [George Riley](#)
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 01, 2018 8:55:33 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed Eastside Parkway . No regional study supports it. Please do not prioritize the ill-conceived Eastside Parkway, a senseless and expensive road through valuable oak woodlands. As an alternative to the goals advanced by your staff, I urge you to adopt those proposed by LandWatch, which focus on regional transportation needs and make it a priority to improve existing roads to address those needs.

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Sincerely,

George Riley

From: [Catherine Crockett](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Subject: Opposing Eastside Parkway
Date: Friday, February 02, 2018 12:59:10 AM

Dear FORA Board Members:

I'm writing to add my voice to the growing number of concerned citizens who oppose the goals and objectives of the proposed Eastside Parkway. Justification for the Parkway proposal is based on outdated claims of: (1) jobs and housing levels that have not materialized, (2) interconnection to a proposed State Highway 68 freeway which does not exist, and (3) proximity to what was in 1997 deemed to be a primary redevelopment area, a claim that is inaccurate after the 2002 swap in exchange for development at East Garrison. The Eastside Parkway project has already exhausted an enormous amount of public funds. The projected \$18 million to complete the project can be better spent on alternative improvements to the Fort Ord transportation network, such as widening existing roads and constructing roundabouts.

Sincerely,

Catherine Crockett
1739 Havana St.,
Seaside, CA

From: [Susan Pierszalowski](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Friday, February 02, 2018 7:40:59 AM
Attachments: [East Side Parkway -Haines letter.docx](#)

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Sincerely,

Susan Pierszalowski
1257 Shell Avenue,
Pacific Grove, CA
93950

From: perryfamily@hotmail.com
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Friday, February 02, 2018 7:58:50 AM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,

Noel Perry
Former member of the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury

Sent from my iPad

From: bjteach
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Friday, February 02, 2018 9:08:52 AM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,
Brenda Lewis

From: [Susan Morse](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Friday, February 02, 2018 9:40:34 AM

Dear FORA Board Members:

Note: this is the 21st Century, we are moving from more roads, to fewer cars, more public transportation, more bike paths, more efficient, clearer roads (including roundabouts). Please, think ahead and oppose the Eastside Parkway!

I'm writing to express my opposition to the goals and objectives related to the proposed Eastside Parkway, which were developed without an analysis of regional transportation needs and continue to prioritize the ill-conceived Eastside Parkway, a senseless and expensive road through valuable oak woodlands. As an alternative to the goals advanced by your staff, I urge you to adopt those proposed by LandWatch, which focus on regional transportation needs and make it a priority to improve existing roads to address those needs.

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Sincerely,
Susan Morse,
569 Aguajito Rd.
Carmel 93923
831 646-8480

From: [Rebecca Lee](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Friday, February 02, 2018 11:43:30 AM

Dear FORA Board Members:

I'm writing to express my opposition to the goals and objectives related to the proposed Eastside Parkway, which were developed without an analysis of regional transportation needs and continue to prioritize the ill-conceived Eastside Parkway, a senseless and expensive road through valuable oak woodlands. As an alternative to the goals advanced by your staff, I urge you to adopt those proposed by LandWatch, which focus on regional transportation needs and make it a priority to improve existing roads to address those needs. FORA has wasted an enormous amount of time and public funds promoting the Eastside Parkway, the freeway to nowhere. It is time to stop the waste and listen to the public.

It greatly saddens me that we have the opportunity to learn from the past and not repeat mistakes and yet that is what the Eastside Parkway does: it divides land, cutting off contiguous land for wildlife passage; it cuts through undeveloped land rather than creating a plan that uses existing roads: in short, it follows the old paradigm that nature is for destroying and exploiting and that progress is paved. This is not what is revealed when people are asked: where do you go to heal, to find respite? The answer is either forest, beach or mountains. Never by a roadside. Thus, the forest must be preserved to preserve sanity in society and existing roads used and widened whenever possible. This is a whenever possible situation. Please recognize this and do the right thing, not the easy to map out thing. Thank you, my fate, our fate is in your hands.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Lee
713 2nd Street
Pacific Grove

From: [Denyse Frischmuth](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Subject: Eastside Parkway
Date: Friday, February 02, 2018 12:43:34 PM
Attachments: [Denyse"s comment to FORA board.docx](#)

Dear Board members

You will find attached the statement I will read this afternoon at the meeting. I wanted my comments to be received in writing as well.

Thanks

See you later this afternoon.

Denyse Frischmuth

From: [Molly Erickson](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: [Dominique Jones](#); [Jon Giffen](#); [Michael Houlemard](#)
Subject: Brown Act violations in required notice for today's special FORA Board meeting
Date: Friday, February 02, 2018 1:33:36 PM
Attachments: [18.02.02.FORA.BOD.ltr.to.re.Brown.Act.violations.pdf](#)

FORA Board members: please see attached letter. Thank you.

Molly Erickson
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February 2, 2018

Ralph Rubio, Chair
Members of the Board of Directors
Fort Ord Reuse Authority

Re: Brown Act violations - Item 6a, February 2, 2018 special Board meeting

Dear Chair Rubio and FORA Directors:

Keep Fort Ord Wild objects to Board consideration of item 6a today due to violations of the Brown Act. The Board should not consider item 6a today.

The Brown Act requires as follows:

“Every notice for a special meeting shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the legislative body concerning any item that has been described in the notice for the meeting before or during consideration of that item.” (Gov. Code, § 54954.3(a), emphasis added.)

The sole notice for today’s special meeting is the agenda. Agenda item 6a states *“Public comment on this item was taken on January 12, 2018. The Board Chair may elect to allow new comments from members of the public that were not in attendance at the January 12, 2018 Board meeting.”* The notice violates the Brown Act and discourages public participation.

- The agenda does not “provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the legislative body” concerning item 6a. The notice says public comment “was taken” already. At most, public comments from people “not in attendance” at the January 12 meeting “may” be allowed to speak based on the unfettered discretion of the Board Chair.
- FORA intends to present new information today on the item, in any event, including the TAMC presentation and the revised “goals and objectives” document. However, the agenda does not provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Board concerning the new information stated in the notice, as required.
- The agenda does not state that FORA will allow comments from members of the public who were in attendance on January 12 but did not speak. The agenda essentially prohibits all January 12 attendees from speaking.

The consequences of violations of the Brown Act are significant. Your counsel can advise you further.

Chair Rubio and FORA Directors
Re: Brown Act violations – Eastside Parkway item 6a
February 2, 2018
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As an additional problem, the agenda indicates in yellow-highlighted bold letters that the questions and concerns are “encouraged” by noon February 1, 218, which further discourages members of the public from attending and commenting at the meeting. Board members’ open and repeated disparagement of public comments at public meetings as “last-minute” and other negative terms are further evidence of active FORA discouragement of public participation at public meetings.

Very truly yours,

STAMP | ERICKSON

/s/ Molly Erickson

Molly Erickson

From: [Michaelia M](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Friday, February 02, 2018 3:03:32 PM

Dear FORA Board Members: I'm writing to express my opposition to the goals and objectives related to the proposed Eastside Parkway, which were developed without an analysis of regional transportation needs and continue to prioritize the ill-conceived Eastside Parkway, a senseless and expensive road through valuable oak woodlands. As an alternative to the goals advanced by your staff, I urge you to adopt those proposed by LandWatch, which focus on regional transportation needs and make it a priority to improve existing roads to address those needs. FORA has wasted an enormous amount of time and public funds promoting the Eastside Parkway, the freeway to nowhere. It is time to stop the waste and listen to the public.

Sincerely,
Michaelia Morgan
Keep Ft Ord Wild!!

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Life is so hard; how can we be anything but kind?

...Jack Kornfield

From: elena.falkovskaia
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Friday, February 02, 2018 5:21:38 PM

Dear FORA Board Members: I'm writing to express my opposition to the goals and objectives related to the proposed Eastside Parkway, which were developed without an analysis of regional transportation needs and continue to prioritize the ill-conceived Eastside Parkway, a senseless and expensive road through valuable oak woodlands. As an alternative to the goals advanced by your staff, I urge you to adopt those proposed by LandWatch, which focus on regional transportation needs and make it a priority to improve existing roads to address those needs. FORA has wasted an enormous amount of time and public funds promoting the Eastside Parkway, the freeway to nowhere. It is time to stop the waste and listen to the public.

Sincerely,

Elena Falkovskaia

From: [Pierre Rolin](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Friday, February 02, 2018 10:37:43 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,
P.Y. and Karen Rolin

From: richardwb1
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Saturday, February 03, 2018 8:45:43 AM

Dear FORA Board Members:

I'm writing to express my opposition to the goals and objectives related to the proposed Eastside Parkway, which were developed without an analysis of regional transportation needs and continue to prioritize the ill-conceived Eastside Parkway, a senseless and expensive road through valuable oak woodlands. As an alternative to the goals advanced by your staff, I urge you to adopt those proposed by LandWatch, which focus on regional transportation needs and make it a priority to improve existing roads to address those needs.

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Sincerely,
Richard Brinton
Salinas, Calif.
richardwb99@gmail.com

From: [Paul Whitson](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Subject: Brown Act cancellation on public mtg 2 Feb
Date: Sunday, February 04, 2018 7:20:16 AM

FORA Board Members:

The Brown Act of 2003 provides very specific criteria for cancellation of public meetings.
What was the criteria used to cancel meeting of 2 Feb 2018?

Cordially,

Paul Whitson
17900 Kearny Street apt 612
Marina CA 93933

From: [Michael DeLapa](mailto:Michael.DeLapa)
To: rrubio@ci.seaside.ca.us
Cc: [Dominique Jones](#); [Michael Houlemard](#); [FORA Board](#)
Subject: FORA Policy, Public Testimony, and the Brown Act
Date: Monday, February 05, 2018 10:34:59 AM

Dear Chair Rubio,

Last week, I wrote Mr. Houlemard seeking seeking clarity and certainty on FORA's policy on public testimony prior to Friday's special meeting on the Eastside Parkway. I am writing you because Mr. Houlemard didn't respond and because it appears that the policy is largely at your discretion. With the last-minute cancellation of Friday's meeting as a result of its violation of the Brown Act, it is important for you, as Board Chair, to clarify your policy in writing, not only to avoid another Brown Act violation but as a courtesy to the public at large.

The Brown Act "guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies." In the spirit of the Act, I urge you to decide well in advance of the next meeting who will be allowed to speak, and how much time they will have. I strongly recommend you allow a minimum of 3 minutes for anyone who takes valuable time out of their lives to attend a FORA meeting regardless of whether they have spoken at a prior meeting on the same topic.

The Feb. 2 Board agenda states:

The Board Chair may elect to allow new comments from members of the public that were not in attendance at the January 12, 2018 Board meeting. Comments from the public are not to exceed 3 minutes, or as otherwise determined by the Chair. [*Emphasis added*]

Setting aside the legality of this assumed discretion under the Brown Act, please clarify:

- What criteria will you as Board Chair use to decide whether to allow public testimony?
- When will you make this decision?

I strongly believe those are questions for the entire FORA Board and your legal counsel. However, I realize the Board is unlikely to address them in the near-term, and I would appreciate your clarification prior to the next public hearing on the Eastside Parkway.

At the January meeting you changed the 3 minutes to 2 minutes immediately before testimony began, which significantly impacted my presentation and those of others. The public should know well in advance of a meeting, not prior to the beginning of testimony, whether and how long their voices will be heard. People take time to prepare remarks and they should not be arbitrarily jerked around at the last minute. That's unfair and damaging to public participation. And if the public is not allowed to speak, you should explain why well in advance.

If you as Board Chair assert the sole power, without adequate public notice, to dictate whether to allow testimony and also assert the right to limit testimony arbitrarily, you individually claim the power to discourage public participation. You also individually claim the power to limit the information that is available to you and your colleagues to make intelligent decisions. I know there are members of the public who attended the prior FORA meeting who were discouraged from attending Friday because they didn't know if they would have an

opportunity to speak.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Michael

Michael D. DeLapa
Executive Director
[LandWatch Monterey County](#)
execdir@landwatch.org
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From: [Tama Olver](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Monday, February 05, 2018 4:17:02 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,

Sent from my iPad

From: [Cameron Binkley](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Monday, February 05, 2018 5:09:10 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,
Cameron Binkley
213 Sicily Road
Seaside, CA 93955

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Patty Kennedy](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Subject: Eastside Parkway
Date: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 7:57:04 AM

Dear FORA Board Members:

I'm writing to express my opposition to the goals and objectives related to the proposed Eastside Parkway, which were developed without an analysis of regional transportation needs and continue to prioritize the ill-conceived Eastside Parkway, a senseless and expensive road through valuable oak woodlands. As an alternative to the goals advanced by your staff, I urge you to adopt those proposed by LandWatch, which focus on regional transportation needs and make it a priority to improve existing roads to address those needs.

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Sincerely,

Patty Kennedy
Seaside resident of 33+ years

From: [Michael McGirr](#) on behalf of mike.mcgirr@icloud.com
To: [FORA Board](#)
Subject: Please provide so called Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives
Date: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 10:31:22 AM

Dear FORA Board,

Please forward the so called Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives or let me know when they are posted.

Thank you.

[RETURN TO AGENDA](#)

Placeholder for Item 8c

Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives

**This item will be provided on
Tuesday, February 6, 2018.**

From: [Robin Robinson](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 9:17:50 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,
Robin Robinson
Carmel, CA

From: [Michael Do Couto](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Subject: Eastside Parkway
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 10:36:34 AM

FORA Board,

1. I reject FORA staff's proposed goals and objectives for the Eastside Parkway;
2. The community is united in support of goals to identify regional transportation needs and improve existing roads to address those needs; and,
3. Stop rescheduling the meetings to get around all this.

V/R

Michael Do Couto

From: [Marsha Zelus](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 10:41:39 AM

Dear FORA Board Members:

I'm writing to express my opposition to the goals and objectives related to the proposed Eastside Parkway, which were developed without an analysis of regional transportation needs and continue to prioritize the ill-conceived Eastside Parkway, a senseless and expensive road through valuable oak woodlands. As an alternative to the goals advanced by your staff, I urge you to adopt those proposed by LandWatch, which focus on regional transportation needs and make it a priority to improve existing roads to address those needs.

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Sincerely,

Marsha McMahan Zelus

From: [Donna Linda](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 10:48:46 AM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,

Donna Kaufman
1261 Harcourt Ave
Seaside, CA 93955

From: [Jennifer Duggan](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 10:52:59 AM

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Sincerely,
Jennifer Duggan

From: [Kim Williams](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 10:57:09 AM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,
Kim K Williams

From: [Jerry Wilkinson](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 11:38:22 AM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,
Jerry and Lynne Wilkinson, 155 San Benancio Road, Salinas, Ca 93908

From: [Hetty Eddy](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 11:42:05 AM

Dear FORA Board Members:

I'm writing to express my opposition to the goals and objectives related to the proposed Eastside Parkway, which were developed without an analysis of regional transportation needs and continue to prioritize the ill-conceived Eastside Parkway, a senseless and expensive road through valuable oak woodlands. As an alternative to the goals advanced by your staff, I urge you to adopt those proposed by LandWatch, which focus on regional transportation needs and make it a priority to improve existing roads to address those needs.

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Sincerely,

Hetty Eddy
hettyeddy1@me.com

From: [Tom Ward](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 12:04:38 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,

Tom Ward
Pebble Beach
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [David Butler](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 12:07:16 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,

David Butler

From: [Dawn H](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: [LandWatch Monterey County](#)
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 12:27:15 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,
Dawn Hartsock

From: sally.j.peterson
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 1:41:33 PM

Dear FORA Board Members,

I am sending you this letter as written by Land Watch because I believe that this is a more articulate expression of the issue than one that I could write.

I'm writing to express my opposition to the goals and objectives related to the proposed Eastside Parkway, which were developed without an analysis of regional transportation needs and continue to prioritize the ill-conceived Eastside Parkway, a senseless and expensive road through valuable oak woodlands. As an alternative to the goals advanced by your staff, I urge you to adopt those proposed by LandWatch, which focus on regional transportation needs and make it a priority to improve existing roads to address those needs.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sally Peterson
Pacific Grove, CA

From: [Jan Scott](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 2:01:15 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,

Jan Scott
Pacific Grove

From: [Barbara Livingston](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Subject: Eastside Parkway, Feb. 9 meeting
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 2:15:33 PM

Dear FORA board,

I write in opposition to the construction of a parkway through oak studded woodlands.

I write in opposition to o spending huge sums to build a senseless freeway to nowhere.

I write in support of the LandWatch position paper on transportation improvements on Fort Ord lands.

I regret I am always unable to attend your meetings to speak in person.

Thank you,
Barbara Livingston
President, Carmel Residents Association
Former Carmel Council Member

From: [Colleen Ingram](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 2:22:31 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

I'm writing to express my opposition to the goals and objectives related to the proposed Eastside Parkway, which were developed without an analysis of regional transportation needs and continue to prioritize the ill-conceived Eastside Parkway, a senseless and expensive road through valuable oak woodlands.

As an alternative to the goals advanced by your staff, I urge you to adopt those proposed by LandWatch, which focus on regional transportation needs and make it a priority to improve existing roads to address those needs.

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Sincerely,

Colleen Ingram

From: [Sheila Clark](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 3:04:38 PM

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Sincerely,
Sheila Clark

Sent from my iPad

From: mbpwriter@gmail.com
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 4:24:36 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,

Mary Pendlay, Ventana Ch. Exec.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nancy Burnett](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 5:55:36 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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Sincerely,
Nancy Burnett

From: dra@redshift.com
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 7:03:40 PM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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If any of you are really familiar with this area, particularly, around 8th and Gigling, you know it's a popular jumping off place for bikers and hikers, who are immediately in great oak land. As Monterey County gets more widely known for such great places for recreation, this will become more valuable as fodder for promoting Monterey County's recreational attributes. The Eastside Parkway will destroy the very thing that we should be promoting (ready access to wild lands), and adding roadblocks that hinder the County's reputation as a recreational mecca. This is a bad idea that should be squelched post-haste. By dropping this bad idea, more good news will be recognized by visitors in various publications, while approval will do the opposite, and place the County in bad light. Deny this proposal.

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Sincerely,

Dennis Andresen home address in 93908 (local citizen who cares about Monterey County)

From: [Jim Tarhalla](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 08, 2018 6:43:27 AM

Dear FORA Board Members:

I'm writing to express my opposition to the goals and objectives related to the proposed Eastside Parkway, which were developed without an analysis of regional transportation needs and continue to prioritize the ill-conceived Eastside Parkway, a senseless and expensive road through valuable oak woodlands. As an alternative to the goals advanced by your staff, I urge you to adopt those proposed by LandWatch, which focus on regional transportation needs and make it a priority to improve existing roads to address those needs.

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Sincerely,

James Tarhalla

18478 Deertrack Place

Salinas, CA 93908

From: [Nona Jean Childress](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Cc: subscriptions@landwatch.org
Subject: I oppose the Eastside Parkway
Date: Thursday, February 08, 2018 7:58:59 AM

Dear FORA Board Members:

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We have much more urgent needs and better ways to spend our limited resources than rehashing this.

Sincerely,

Nona Childress
707 Pajaro St
Salinas CA

From: [Linda Cheatham](#)
To: [FORA Board](#)
Subject: Land Watch
Date: Thursday, February 08, 2018 8:09:57 AM

Dear Board,

Please support the LandWatch goals. We are behind them one hundred per cent.

Sincerely yours,
Linda Cheatham
Carmel Valley

From: [Michael DeLapa](#)
To: [Jonathan Brinkmann](#)
Cc: [Michael Houlemard](#); [FORA Board](#)
Subject: Initial questions regarding Eastside Parkway staff report
Date: Thursday, February 08, 2018 10:36:36 AM

Jonathan,

I have a few initial questions about your staff report on the Eastside Parkway:

- Under “Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives, Proposed Project Background/Need” you state: “The 1997 Fort Ord Reuse Plan identified Eastside Road as a facility within the on-site portion of the Fort Ord transportation network for the *mitigation of the reuse of Fort Ord*.” What section and pages of the [1997 Fort Ord Reuse Plan](#) identifies the Eastside Road as mitigation? Would you please clarify why this contradicts the article in the [Monterey County Weekly](#):

"FORA is also proceeding under the pretext that the road is a required environmental mitigation on the former Army base, when FORA's own Base Reuse Plan indicates it is not. FORA documents repeatedly refer to the road as an obligation – which is not a legally enforceable term – while FORA Executive Officer Michael Houlemard has referred to the Eastside Parkway as a required mitigation, which is legally enforceable. FORA spokesperson Candace Ingram says, “It’s not a mitigation.” In fact, the only required traffic mitigations under FORA’s Base Reuse Plan are off-site projects – such as widening Highway 156 – and not roads within the former Army base.”

- Under “Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives, Proposed Project Background/Need” in the 2nd paragraph you imply that TAMC’s 2017 Free Reallocation Study justifies the Eastside Parkway. Is the 2017 Study FORA staff’s principal basis for advising the FORA board that the Eastside Parkway should be the highest transportation priority? Does TAMC support FORA staff’s interpretation that this study justifies the Eastside Parkway?
- Also in the 2nd paragraph you state that “No Build” scenario would result in 7 roadways being at deficient levels of service by 2035. What are the underlying assumptions in terms of the quantity and location of development that would result in this outcome? Did you evaluate other road improvement options vis a vis the “No Build Alternative” to determine the optimal transportation outcome for an \$18M investment in roads (i.e., the estimated cost of the Eastside Parkway)? If you were to make this investment in the Eastside Parkway how many existing roadways would still operate at deficient levels of service given other roadblocks in the regional transportation network?
- The Eastside Road has been under discussion for 21 years. Had FORA staff previously asked TAMC for a presentation on the Eastside Parkway and an opinion about its regional benefits? If so, when? If not, why?
- If the FORA staff and consultants are impartial on the proposed project, why did the staff summary mischaracterize the overwhelming public opposition to the format of the December workshops? Why does the staff report exclude quantifying the number of people testifying in support and opposition to the Parkway at the workshops? Would

- you be able to provide that data to the FORA board tomorrow?
- Why does the staff report exclude a summary of number of letters and emails in support and opposition (that is, a quantified summary of Exhibit C)? Would you be able to provide that data to the FORA board tomorrow?

Thank you for these clarifications.

Regards,

Michael

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From: [Michael DeLapa](#)
To: [Jon Giffen](#)
Cc: [Michael Houlemard](#); [Sheri Damon](#); [Dominique Jones](#); [Ralph Rubio](#); [Steve Endsley](#); [Jonathan Brinkmann](#); [Robert Norris](#); [Mary Israel](#); [Diane Johnson](#); [David Willoughby](#); [FORA Board](#)
Subject: Re: FORA Policy Concerning Public Testimony
Date: Thursday, February 08, 2018 11:32:37 AM

Hi Jon,

Thank you for your reply. As I understand your reply, all members of the public will be allowed to testify on the Eastside Parkway tomorrow, regardless of whether they testified in January. Is that right? If not, what criteria and when will the Board Chair decide whether to allow public testimony on the Eastside Parkway from people who gave testimony at the last FORA meeting? If the answer is that he will decide before testimony starts, you can understand why that would discourage people from attending and participating in the hearing because they wouldn't know until they showed up whether they would be allowed to testify.

With regard to the duration of testimony, what criteria will the Board Chair use to decide on the duration of public testimony? For example, how many people interested in testifying would it take to trigger less than 3 minutes per speaker? Why would the number of people in attendance be relevant to limiting public testimony? Wouldn't the appropriate criteria be the number of people who are interested in testifying? If the answer is that there are no criteria and it is at the whim of the Board Chair, that, too, would discourage people from testifying because they wouldn't know how long to prepare their remarks — 3 minutes, 2 minutes, 1 minute, or something less.

Thank you for clarifying.

Regards,

Michael

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On Feb 6, 2018, at 4:31 PM, Jon Giffen <jgiffen@kaglaw.net> wrote:

Hi Michael:

FORA Board Chair Ralph Rubio and Executive Officer Michael Houlemard asked me to respond to your inquiry seeking clarity and certainty to FORA's policy on public testimony.

FORA's policy on public testimony has always been and will continue to be to encourage the public to appropriately comment during public meetings. FORA recognizes the right of the public to express its views as fundamental to a free society, but also knows that right is not absolute and is subject to valid regulation. So, in conformance with the Brown Act, FORA will continue to allow an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on any item of interest to the public that is within FORA's jurisdiction, and to comment on a specific business item before it is considered by the Board. FORA will also allow the public, near the conclusion of its meetings, to comment for up-to-three (3) minutes on jurisdictional matters not on the agenda.

The up-to-three (3) minute allowance for public comment is desired by the FORA Board, but the FORA Board Chair has the discretion given in FORA's Master Resolution to allocate the length of time for public discussion of any matter in advance of each discussion, with the concurrence of the Board, and to limit the amount of time a member of the public may address the Board in order to accommodate the number of people desiring to speak while facilitating the orderly conduct of business by the Board.

So, given the number of people in attendance at a FORA meeting, the FORA Board Chair will recognize, and balance, the right of the public to speak with the interest of facilitating the orderly conduct of business by the FORA Board.

Given the public interest in the Eastside Parkway, the FORA Board Chair recognizes the right of those members of the public who wish to speak the opportunity to express themselves for up-to-three minutes. However, If he feels at the time of the meeting that orderly FORA Board business will not be facilitated by allowing every interested member of the public to speak for the full three (3) minutes, he has the authority to limit that time.

If you have any questions, I am happy to discuss this issue with you directly before or at the next meeting, and look forward to that opportunity.

Best Regards,

Jon Giffen

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