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*From: Bruce Korb [mailto:bkorb@veritas.com]*

*Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2004 4:54 PM*

*To: Karena Pushnik*

*Cc: Regional Transportation Commission*

*Subject: Scotts Valley Park and Ride*

*Hi Karena,*

*You recently wrote:*

*Many people are interested in establishing a parking area for carpoolers and vanpoolers closer to Highway 17 than the existing Scotts Valley Transit Center. Unfortunately property near the highway is valuable and local jurisdictions are not generally interested in dedicating these properties to non-revenue generating uses. However, there are a few options on the horizon:*

- 1. Land swaps are available. Perhaps the materials storage yard at Green Hills and Glenn Canyon is not quite as valuable as other nearby properties, it is nonetheless a source for the mix*
- 2. A patch of asphalt down just past the Hilton would work for an interim solution*
- 3. Applying "social pressure" on the owners of the hidden shopping center at Glenn Canyon and Mt. Hermon road would actually wind up *\*in\**-creasing the value of the center. They'd get both a bit of publicity and a tiny bit of foot traffic. They have none at all now.*
- 4. You have been completely ignoring the request for funding. The recent prop J is a really good example. You can find funding to pacify a bunch of toy-railroad and bicycle enthusiasts, and you can find funding for SR-1 park and rides, but you cannot put funding for a Scotts Vally P&R? Why not? Scotts Vally is a *\*much\** better collector location than any SR-1 location. A lot of us were quite disappointed about that!*

*vis-a-vis the "local jurisdictions are not generally interested in dedicating these properties to non-revenue generating uses" I would like to point out that you cannot pin down the actual people who hold that opinion. It is always "other people" who hold it. That means that they are subject to political persuasion. Besides, at the time of the decision to mis-locate the P&R near the Ow's shopping center, it was strongly stated that the idea was dumb. Unfortunately, the transit authority and the Ow family had more pull than carpoolers (most of whom did not even know of the meeting). Now it is past time to bite back. They were warned it would be a problem; time to make it a problem for them. :)*

*Sincerely, Bruce Korb*

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*Although the Regional Transportation Commission sets the priorities for its projects/ staff resources and includes the Commute Solutions program to encourage ridesharing, the City of Scotts Valley determines the location of Park and Ride lots within their jurisdiction. Your letter will be forwarded to the City of Scotts Valley, Caltrans and the Regional Transportation Commission for their consideration in the workplan.*

*Sincerely,*

*Karena Pushnik  
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December 23, 2004

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Dear Mr. Korb:

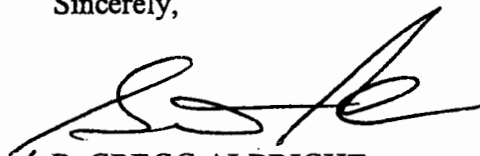
This is in response to your recent email to Karena Pushnik of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) regarding the need for a new park and ride lot on Highway 17 near Scotts Valley. Ms. Pushnik forwarded a copy of your correspondence to the Department of Transportation (Department) for our response.

We appreciate your creative remedies for obtaining the land for this facility. However, the Department has no excess parcels along the Highway 17 corridor that we could trade for a parcel to build a park and ride facility nor can we perform paving work on land that the State does not own.

Over the past few years the State's budget has created shortfalls that forces us to depend on agencies like the SCCRTC to fund projects like this. The Department is willing to discuss park and ride needs with the SCCRTC and the Scotts Valley Public Works Department. We have been successful working with other Regional Transportation Planning Agencies to negotiate agreements that have helped solve their park and ride challenges.

Thank you for sharing your concerns about the park and ride facilities near Scotts Valley. If you would like further information, please call Bob Nunn, Park and Ride Coordinator, at (805) 549-3106 or contact him by email him at [Robert\\_Nunn@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Robert_Nunn@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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