

Regarding the Extension of Folsom Blvd to Ramona Avenue

To whom it may concern:

The current proposal under the SEATS plan is to extend a road from Folsom Blvd alongside UP Railroad tracks under Highway 50, then down into a seasonal wetland area through a field and connect finally to Ramona Ave. The problem with this proposal, is that it would destroy a wetland area which serves as a natural detention basin for this area. It has been home to numerous animals including fairy shrimp, tree frogs, sandpipers, nesting Canadian Geese, snakes, raptors, and audubons cottontails to name a few. During the planning process for SEATS I documented and provided pictures for the EIR which was handled by Fred Buder, the planner.

I submit that a better, shorter, and cheaper route would be between Brighton Station and Bodycraft Collision Repair Service just East of the Highway 50 overpass — this would be accessible from Hornet Drive and State University Drive East and would directly link to Ramona. This would be a simpler and cheaper route than the proposed one and also shorter. The only land to be acquired would be a small parking lot and/or a side yard of Brighton Station. The back lot behind Brighton Station could be used for replacement parking for the Repair Service business.

Another possibility is running the road at 7300 Folsom Blvd near Calvary

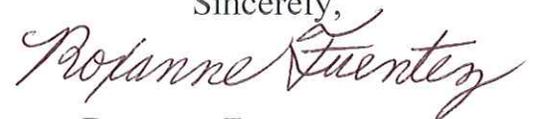
Chapel and Delta Rubber, which is immediately east of Highway 50 down an existing road through a parking lot and under the light rail overcrossing. This would also be cheaper and shorter than the planned road, since it would also be virtually a direct link to Ramona.

There actually was a raised roadway crossing the rail spur connecting Folsom Blvd. to Ramona Avenue, but it was ripped out for the freeway. It did not interfere with the wetland area.

A final alternative to the proposal plan would be to elevate the roadway over the wetland area so as not to interfere with it.

Please seriously look into using one of these alternatives. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roxanne Fuentes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and phone number.

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