Clay Street Bridge Replacement
Community Meeting #1
January 6, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Placerville Town Hall

**I really HOPE the Clay Street Bridge Replacement Project INCLUDES ... Why ...**
- Improved sight lines for both pedestrians and bicycle safety as well as vehicle safety.
  - I use the Clay Street/Main Street intersections regularly sometimes during business hours. It is difficult to turn right and forget about making a left turn!
- Constructed replacement space for Farmers Market.
  - Whether we do a project or not, FM is about to outgrow its Ivy House location. We may be able to use project funding to construct a larger, better replacement space.
- Wider bridge (2 lanes)
  - Safety
- No parking under bridge (Highway 50 undercrossing).
  - Safety
- Replacing the bridge.
- Improving traffic flow.
- Improving safety.
- A 4-way stop
  - For bicycle trail safety concerns.
  - For pedestrian crosswalk safety.
- The same number of parking place as the Ivy House lot; Includes no disrupting of normal business; Includes the Druid Monument; Includes re-surfacing of road area; Bridge simple repair (not really historical landmark?) included.
  - Because nothing else is needed nor is the expense.

**It would be IDEAL if the Clay Street Bridge Replacement Project ALSO INCLUDES ... Why ...**
- Helping relocate the farmers market.
  - The farmers market is so popular that it is/has out growing the Ivy House lot.
- Moving the Druid Monument, moving the Farmers Market, improving the creek, lining up Clay St. with Cedar Ravine.
  - To give more options.
- A 4-way stop
  - Because it’s just logical.
I might be **CONCERNED** if the Clay Street Bridge Replacement Project ... Why? Would anything minimize the concern(s) ...

- Prevented clients from getting to my office added parking on Locust without limiting parking.
  - Timing of project.
  - Limiting/eliminating street parking on Locust Street now really one-lane because of parking.
- Didn’t improve traffic, looked ugly and didn’t look like it belonged in Placerville.
  - A great design.
- Becomes the major overhaul as originally outlined.
- Does not include a 4 way stop.
  - Because the city needs infrastructure improvements.

**My worst FEAR is that the Clay Street Bridge Replacement Project ... Why? Would anything minimize the concerns(s) ...**

- Will not be completed.
  - The Bridge and the intersection are absolutely unsafe.
- Gets delayed for another decade by “analysis paralysis” and a small group of project opponents
- If parking relocated to Locust and nothing done to Locust north of that area, it will be a disaster. There’s several blind spots & badly in need of work.
  - Prohibit parking on Locust.
  - Require owner at Elm\Locust to trim trees so cars coming out of Weswin can see left and cars coming down hill can see cars on Weswin.
- Would not improve traffic, would be an eyesore, would not replace the community pride garden and stone planter.
  - Lots of beautification effort, good design.
  - Please check with the local government commission@LGC.org about ways to satisfy police and fire dept. concerns and balance that with good design and walkable communities.
- Will do nothing.
  - Fix it!!
- Will tear up the street (Clay & Main) needlessly; Causes loss of parking space desperately needed by town folk and disrupts businesses; Traffic Flows.

**Additional Questions and Comments**

- Traffic has not been any issue that we witness as citizens or business owners.
- This should have been worked out with developers previously when all the subdivisions were put in place on upper Clay Street.
- Is bridge itself a safety issue?
- Several gadflies were dominating conversation.
  - Rotating comments row by row, back to front, would prevent that.
- I have spoken at City Council meetings long before this project was at issue on how cars from Hwy 50 use Clay to shortcut over to Bedford Ave. to get to Hwy 49. If you enlarge Clay St., you make it more attractive for even more cars to use Bedford Ave. which is a small street in a Historic District with no sidewalks. One of the Councilman's mother lives in this area and sees streams of cars using Clay then...
one of two side streets to jump onto Bedford. Quigley’s have lived for 40 years on Bedford and see hundreds of cars in a single day (as I have) using Bedford as a shortcut.

- The street was not designed for such heavy traffic. Enlarging Clay only makes our situation much worse. Sometimes cars carrying boats back up traffic 30-40 cars deep on Bedford.

- This short cut problem occurs at random depending on Hwy 50. If it is backed up from a car accident, we get the cars. If Hwy 50 is backed up because it is Friday or Saturday with Apple Hill visitors, we have a problem. If it is Sunday with any kind of special event in Tahoe, we get hundreds of cars on Bedford.

- There has been little to no road restoration of Bedford Ave. because of this traffic. Simply put, enlarging Clay St. is a disaster for me and my business. Bedford struggles to maintain a peaceful and quiet neighborhood and does not need the noise of horns and trucks hauling boats. I have weddings on my property in a garden and need a quiet background during ceremonies and not car noise.

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