MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 84-370

A Resolution defining "General Public Interest" relative to accepting roads into the County Road System for maintenance.

WHEREAS, Mariposa County's adopted policy as set forth in the Circulation Element of the General Plan does not allow for inclusion of roads serving private residential or commercial development into the County System unless it can be shown that it is in the "General Public Interest" to maintain such roads; and

WHEREAS, non-acceptance of roads serving residential and commercial areas that generate significant vehicular traffic may result in hazardous traffic situations based upon the inability of the County to adequately control encroachments, maintenance and enforce vehicle codes on such roads; and

WHEREAS, within the framework of the County's adopted policy, the definition of "General Public Interest" is essential in formulating a recommendation regarding the acceptance of roads into the County System.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, upon recommendation of the Planning Commission, establishes the following criteria to be utilized in defining the "General Public Interest" relative to the acceptance of roads into the County System. All of the following criteria must be addressed and satisfied prior to inclusion of any road into the County System.

LOCATION: Existing and proposed roads serving developments located within Town Planning Areas, as designated by the Mariposa County General Plan, shall be considered most appropriate for inclusion into the County Road System. Roads serving other areas of concentrated development may be considered for inclusion into the County Road System on a case by case basis.

PARCEL SIZE/DENSITY: Roads serving residential development of a density of less than one residence per acre, or less than 50 residential units
per one mile of road way or fraction thereof, shall not be considered appropriate for inclusion into the County Road System. Consideration of roads serving parcels located within a commercial land use or zone shall be based upon estimated traffic flows and tax revenues and not parcel sizes. The purpose of this standard is to limit acceptance of roads to those developments that generate sufficient vehicular traffic and tax revenues to justify their becoming County Roads.

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING CIRCULATION PATTERNS: Existing or proposed roads which propose to connect or have the potential to connect the following shall be considered most appropriate for inclusion into the County Road System:

1. State Highway to State Highway
2. State Highway to County Road
3. County Road to County Road

Loop access roads and cul-de-sacs should be considered the least beneficial for acceptance into the County Road System. Such roads should be carefully reviewed on a case by case basis to ascertain if it is in the "General Public Interest" for such roads to become County Roads.

DESIGN CONSTRUCTION: No roads shall be considered appropriate for inclusion into the County Road System unless it is designed and constructed to the appropriate County Standard. Such roads shall also have road and drainage easements adequate for complete maintenance, including cut and fill banks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission is directed to review all subdivision proposals relative to compliance with this policy and recommend to the Board of Supervisors when appropriate, inclusion of roads into the County System.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, Mariposa County, this 4th day of December, 1984, by the following vote:

AYES: BARRICK, MOFFITT, ERICKSON

NOES: DALTON

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAINED: TABER

GERTRUDE R. TABER, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

GERALD MCCARTHY, County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

JEFFREY G. GREEN, County Counsel