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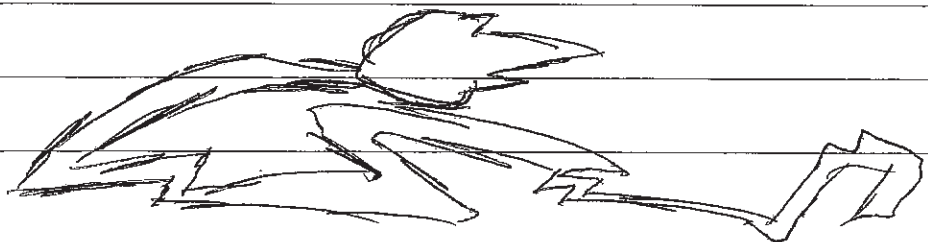
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I think that they shouldn't put a road through the Bicycle Motocross track.

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Name: Curtis & Anthony Shepperd

Mailing Address: 2138 Nick way

Street Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip code: Grants Pass OR

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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ANTHONY SHEPPARD  
2 2138 Nick Way  
Grants Pass, OR

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4 CURTIS SHEPPARD: We want the BMX track, and  
5 to be a safe place to race.

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7 ANTHONY SHEPPARD: Anthony Sheppard. I want  
8 to race at the BMX track so we can make friends and we can  
9 play and race. And that's why I want to keep the BMX track.  
That's all.

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Name: Tony Sheppard

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (if different): 2138 Nick Way

City and Zip code: Grants Pass 97527

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATIVE C is in the  
Best interest of the BMV track.

Please save our track for  
the kids of this community

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**From:** Findley, Angela  
**Sent:** Monday, January 14, 2008 10:34 AM  
**To:** Polzin, Scott  
**Subject:** FW: Redwood Highway proposals

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**From:** MARMON Jerry [mailto:Jerry.MARMON@odot.state.or.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 14, 2008 10:26 am  
**To:** LEAMING Gary W; Findley, Angela; SHEADEL Jason N  
**Subject:** FW: Redwood Highway proposals

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Philip Sutton [mailto:falconfn@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 13, 2008 2:33 PM  
**To:** MARMON Jerry  
**Subject:** Redwood Highway proposals

First I would just like to say that I just heard of these proposals from our weekly Wednesday paper... what is funny, is that the article states that comments are only being accepted until Jan 7th. even though the paper was not delivered until the 9th. Pretty shady if you ask me ... I'm sending you my comments anyway, as a taxpayer and as a resident who has to travel Redwood Hwy on a daily basis, I feel that my opinion should matter regardless of the "comment deadline".

One thing that would help considerably with traffic would be the timing on the traffic lights. If the lights from 199 to Allen Creek were adjusted better to allow more traffic to move through (east to west, west to east) between the hours of 4-6pm, I know that would free up the gridlock I get to look forward to on a daily basis.

I feel that there should be some serious consideration about building a new bridge that would connect the people who live on the west side of Grants Pass to those on the North side of the river. If you think about it, there are only 2 bridges that connect the North and South sides of Grants Pass, and BOTH are on the eastern side of town. Leaving only Redwood Hwy as the ONLY route to get to the bridges.

Also, if you were to build a third bridge, that would give GP residents a way to bypass areas of the town they don't want to visit, while forcing visitors to take redwood hwy as the only "known" route from one end of town the other, keeping businesses flourishing.

Regardless if you choose to consider either of my ideas, I believe that the three proposals already given need to be fully reconsidered, thought out, and researched more before moving forward with anything.

Thank you for your time.  
Philip

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**From:** MARMON Jerry [Jerry.MARMON@odot.state.or.us]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2007 1:20 pm

**To:** SHEADEL Jason N; RANDLEMAN Jayne A; Findley, Angela; LEAMING Gary W; Pat Foley; Vicki Guarino

**Subject:** FW: HWY 199 - Expressway Project

FYI

-----Original Message-----

**From:** gpdq [mailto:gpdq@nitrosports.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2007 11:53 AM

**To:** MARMON Jerry

**Subject:** RE: HWY 199 - Expressway Project

Jerry,

Thank you for your response! It is nice to hear from you also. You are correct in stating that my biggest concern is about the Ringuette access. I appreciate you responding to that concern and I am VERY pleased by your answer!!! As you stated - I too believe the other issues can & will be satisfactorily worked out in due time. There probably is no need to bug you at this point about them - I will save that for later...

I'll look for to visiting with you on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks,

Russ

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**From:** MARMON Jerry [mailto:Jerry.MARMON@odot.state.or.us]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2007 11:36 AM

**To:** gpdq

**Cc:** SHEADEL Jason N

**Subject:** RE: HWY 199 - Expressway Project

Mr. Wright,

Nice to hear from you again. Let me start by addressing what I believe is your primary concern, that being the ability for customers to make a left out of the DQ onto Ringuette. At this point in the project we are showing the "median" on Ringuette as painted, not physical barrier. So, under the current design, your customers would be able to make a left turn out onto Ringuette. As you know the east portion of this project is several years away from ever going to construction, given current funding constraints. If when we go to build this portion of the project our traffic engineers determine that an actual physical barrier on Ringuette is warranted, rather than just paint, it looks as though your proposed combined access with Moser Paving would be far enough away from the intersection to still allow your customers to make lefts out onto Ringuette (the barrier would stop short of your driveway). So, under either scenario your access would be preserved onto Ringuette.

At this point in the process we are still at a very conceptual stage (approx 15% design). Issues of exact parking loss, internal circulation modifications, and exact access locations will need to be worked out during the final design phase and in conjunction with our design engineers and right of way staff. I am confident that by working collaboratively on these issues we can come up with a mutually acceptable plan. If you would still like to meet with us in person please let me know and I can schedule something. I look forward to speaking with you at the upcoming open house.

Best,

Jerry

541-774-6376

[jerry.marmon@odot.state.or.us](mailto:jerry.marmon@odot.state.or.us)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** gpdq [mailto:gpdq@nitrosports.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2007 9:58 AM  
**To:** MARMON Jerry  
**Subject:** HWY 199 - Expressway Project

Dear Jerry,

I am Russ Wright and I own the DQ on Hwy 199 at Ringuette. As you may remember, we have met before and I have appreciated your willingness to discuss this project with me. I am hoping to do that again at a time and place that would be convenient for you.

I realize there is a project open house on the 19<sup>th</sup> and I plan on attending. I just feel that because the section of the project that affects me is virtually the same in all 3 current proposals, maybe it would be best for me to discuss its specifics on a more one-on-one basis. If it would be better for me to discuss my situation with a different member(s) of your team, I would be happy to do so. To help determine who I should talk to (and so you/they can be prepared) - the topics I would like to discuss were included in my "Comment Form" which I submitted back in February. I will attach it for your reference.

I realize this is a busy time for everyone, but I would really appreciate a bit of your time so that I can better understand what to expect in this process. I truly want to be a part of the solution and not part of a problem. I am both confident & hopeful that we can resolve any issues related to the impact of this on my business in a way that works for all concerned if we work together on it. I am willing to meet anytime - at your office, mine or where ever the most convenient for you would be.

I look forward to hearing back from you to get something set up. Thank you for your time and all your efforts on this project. I know that the one thing we can all agree on is that something needs to be done. Your job of having to actually put a plan together must be challenging to say the least!!!

Thank you,  
Russ Wright  
JCDQ Inc.  
541-479-5999

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**From:** MARMON Jerry [Jerry.MARMON@odot.state.or.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2007 1:23 pm  
**To:** Findley, Angela; LEAMING Gary W  
**Subject:** FW: Highway 199 Expressway Upgrade Project

[FYI--for your files--summary of phone conversation with YMCA.](#)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** MARMON Jerry  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2007 1:22 PM  
**To:** 'paulineh@terragon.com'  
**Cc:** SHEADEL Jason N  
**Subject:** Highway 199 Expressway Upgrade Project

Pauline, per our conversation yesterday, I understand that the YMCA would like ODOT to consider a pedestrian/bicycle entrance along the YMCA property, off of Highway 199. I have discussed this with our traffic designers and they have informed me that it is standard ODOT practice to connect to any existing path/opening that is there when the project goes through. Therefore, if the fence was open (you mentioned a 10 foot opening) ODOT could likely modify the sidewalk to include a drop curb/apron and a gravel path to the opening as part of the project. As I mentioned on the phone, we would only be able to make improvements to the edge of our existing right of way. Any improvements on County/YMCA property would be the responsibility of the County or YMCA to connect to improvements on ODOT right of way. We will try and work this suggestion into our existing plans, once a final alternative is selected. The good thing is that it looks like this concept could be included regardless of which alternative is selected. We can have further discussions regarding design detail after we make a decision on the preferred alternative, which is currently scheduled to happen in early January. I will include this email in the official administrative record as a comment on the Highway 199 Expressway Upgrade project. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

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