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Dear Jessica,

I received your June 10, 2010 packet regarding the Rincon Del Rio Early Consultation/Project Description packet and have comments to share. The Rincon Del Rio Senior Living Retirement Community will be located near State Highway 49 and Rincon Road in the southern portion of Nevada County. Since this project includes 'active living' residences, there will be folks who wish to use our western Nevada County public transit system, Gold Country Stage (GCS), for access to community services throughout the area.

In the County of Nevada Project Information Questionnaire for Rincon del Rio, number 6.i-2, page 12, it is stated that the project will provide a minimum of two ADA equipped paratransit vehicles to transport residents on a daily basis. It also suggests a public transit pick-up/drop-off location on-site near the "village core." Gold Country Stage Route 5 serves the Hwy 49 corridor from Grass Valley to Auburn with scheduled stops in the Lake of the Pines area. It is important to note that this is a 'limited stop' service that adheres to a set schedule in order to connect passengers to other scheduled public transit services in both Auburn and Grass Valley. There is concern that an additional bus stop at the center of Rincon del Rio will add additional time to an already tight schedule due to the distance from Highway 49 to and from the "village core." In the project information, it is indicated that transportation will be provided at Rincon Del Rio through two accessible vans. I suggest that these vans be available for 'shuttle' transportation to Rincon and Highway 49 for scheduled northbound GCS service at Rincon Road and Highway 49 and at Gauthier and Highway 49 for southbound service. Additionally, I suggest bus shelters and bus pull-in spaces are included as part of this project to facilitate transit service. This type of partnership both provides a mobility option collaboration between the project and public transit and a regional transportation link for their residents.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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