

**Subject:** Town Hall - May 19, East-West Connector #roads  
**From:** Mike Kazmierski <kazmierski@edawn.org>  
**Date:** 5/17/2023 11:05 AM  
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**J Margolin**

I was forwarded your email below and would be glad to answer any questions you may have. EDAWN represents the region and Storey County has exactly the same board representation as Washoe County, one rep. All the local governments are designated trustees as they designate who is on the board, EDAWN does not choose or select the board member and historically local governments do not like to be put on the record with votes yet their input has been vital to any EDAWN position.

As for EDAWN, as you can see from the board list, we represent the community not just the business community and are engaged in many non-business issues like the list below.

Finally, EDAWN goal is to address the dangerous commute thousands in our region must make daily to Fernley and TRI. A single two lane winding road with thousands of trucks on it (I-80) is not acceptable and the widening of I-80 is at least 10 years out. Your litany of prior efforts to "destroy" Storey County are irrelevant as we are just looking at a road, an alternate route to TRI, and the no-housing policy of Storey County and current zoning is not impacted in any way.

I am always available for coffee if you would like to discuss more but can assure you this is not in any way connected to your "Magic Kingdom" or any other prior initiative.

Thanks

Mike

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**To:** [VCH@groups.io](mailto:VCH@groups.io)

**Subject:** Re: [VCH] Town Hall - May 19, East-West Connector #roads

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Commissioner Carmona said:

**Greetings,**

**I was asked to help spread the word for this event, this is not an event I or Storey County is endorsing. This event is being organized and run by EDAWN ( Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada ) <https://www.edawn.org/>. With that said, I will be in attendance.**

**A Town Hall Has been scheduled for the Virginia City Highlands. This event is hosted by Mike Kazmierski from EDAWN.**

**The town hall is a short presentation with time for questions on the proposal for an East-West Connector in Storey County to address the transportation challenges associated with the growing congestion on I-80 and the need for an alternate route to TRIC from Reno-Sparks. The road would connect South Meadows to USA Parkway.**

**Details:May 19, 2023 ( Friday ) 5:30pm - 6:30pm Station 72 aka VCH Firehouse-2610 Cartwright Road**

**From:** <https://www.edawn.org/about/>

The Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) is a private/public partnership established in 1983, committed to adding quality jobs to the region by recruiting new companies, supporting the success of existing companies, and assisting newly forming companies, to diversify the economy and have a positive impact on the quality of life in Greater Reno-Sparks.

I am attaching the file showing who makes up EDAWN.

**A.** Storey County does not have a representative on the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFFICERS or the VOTING BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Storey County has one representative on the list of DESIGNATED TRUSTEES (EX-OFFICIO):

Mike Kazmierski EDAWN, President/CEO

Keith Burrowes Sierra Integrated Systems, LLC – Immediate Past Chair

Brian Sandoval University of Nevada, Reno

Karin Hilgersom Truckee Meadows Community College

Bob Potts Governor’s Office of Economic Development

Eric Brown Washoe County – Governmental Executive Committee Representative

Austin Osborne Storey County

Devon Reese City of Reno

Kristopher Dahir City of Sparks

Neal McIntyre City of Fernley

Dr. Kumud Acharya Desert Research Institute

Mariluz Garcia Washoe County

Ann Silver The Chamber – Chamber Liaison

Dr. Susan Enfield Washoe County School District

The people on this list presumably don’t get a vote but it is consistent with EDAWN being heavily weighted to Washoe County/Reno, even with those directly associated with government.

The purpose of EDAWN is to promote the interest of business, not the interest of residents.

**B.** I don’t see anything on EDAWN’s Web site about this new proposed road. No map, no nothing. All I know so far is that it will connect South Meadows with the USA Parkway.

This sounds like the road that Sunny Hills Ranchos wanted to put in to connect their high density master planned community to South Meadows after they split off 1200 acres from Storey County and moved it (figuratively) into Washoe County. They knew that Storey County would not approve a high density master planned community but Washoe County would. I blogged it:

[www.sunnyhillsranchos.org/](http://www.sunnyhillsranchos.org/)

Sunny Hills Ranchos would have been close to the Highlands and would have ruined the character of the Highlands. Storey County defeated their plan. (2014)

In going to the USA Parkway it would go through the area where Cordevista wanted to put in a high density master planned community. Storey County previously defeated this plan. (2007) I blogged it.

[www.cordevistahoa.org/](http://www.cordevistahoa.org/)

It would also go through the area where Mr. Berns (of Blockchains) wanted to set up his own private Magic Kingdom that would be independent of Storey County. (2018) [www.blockchainshoa.org/](http://www.blockchainshoa.org/) Also see <https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/innovation-zones-promoted-by-sisolak-would-create-semi-autonomous-city-at-behest-of-blockchains-llc>

I see a progression here.

1. Cordevista came first to Storey County. (2007). That didn't work.
2. Sunny Hills Ranchos skipped Storey County and went directly to the Legislature. (2014). That didn't work.
3. Mr. Berns skipped Storey County and the Legislature and went directly to the Governor (Governor Sisolak). He failed, too.

If this road were to be built I suspect that Cordevista, Sunny Hill Ranchos, and Mr. Berns' Magic Kingdom would rear their ugly heads again. And this time we might not be able to stop them.

That is because of Nevada Senate Bill SB81 Regional Orderly Growth which would set up a regional board to make all of the decisions for what gets built where. As I recall (I don't have the list in front of me) Washoe County would have 5 votes. Storey County would have 1 vote. Other counties (and their cities) would have 1 to 3 votes. <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NElIS/REL/82nd2023/Bill/9666/Meetings>

Guess how Washoe County would vote?

This regional board would also decide how the property taxes from the area would be apportioned.

Storey County's Master Plan would effectively be repealed and Washoe County would decide what happens to Storey County. And to the Highlands.

Storey County would disappear other than as an impotent name.

**C.** Where will the people who will be using this new road be coming from? If they are using this new road instead of I-80 they will be using I-580. During rush hour I-580 can already be a nightmare.

The other place they can come from is the resurrected projects of Cordevista, Sunny Hill Ranchos, and Mr. Berns' Magic Kingdom.

Is that the real goal? It sounds like someone, or some people, are playing the long game.

And they should call the new road the Skip Daly Memorial Highway. Nevada State Senator Richard "Skip" Daly (who represents part of Washoe County) submitted the bill and is fighting viciously for it.

**D.** If EDawn wants to relieve the traffic problem on I-80 they should do it on I-80.

Jedidiah the Mad Prophet (On Empire)

- Growth For Growth's sake is the Philosophy of a Cancer Cell.

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