

# Letter: Rethinking Hwy. 50 realignment

To the community,

Regarding the Stateline loop road project. I personally don't like the loop road concept of moving traffic around the casinos, uprooting business and people from their homes. And by realigning Highway 50 after tearing town homes for the move, you now have the remaining homes that were in a quiet setting now next to the new Highway 50. It doesn't seem like the right thing to do.



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I would prefer we spend the money and do the job right. In my opinion the right way to do it is to put through traffic underground starting somewhere around Tahoe Meadows and exiting before Kingsbury Grade.

That would mean cutting through the Harrah's to Harveys pedestrian underpass for the underground Highway 50 road. The casinos should then be given permission for pedestrian overpasses between Harveys and Harrah's, and MontBleu and Hard Rock.

I'm told it will cost more and realize it will be an inconvenience to build, but in the long run it would be the best solution. The old Highway 50 would become an open mall between Park Avenue and the eastern loop and I think that is

the desired outcome.

Caltrans and NDOT would have to come up with the money. It would take some good planning and good politicians to get this project built.

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