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## **JUST THE FACTS - Why Doesn't PML fix that pothole at the Ferretti Road entrance?**

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The pothole at the exit lane of the Ferretti Road/Pine Mountain Drive entrance near the fountain is indeed a frustrating situation. It deteriorates to a point that drivers steer to avoid it causing a potential road hazard. The pothole gets filled with asphalt and patched and then quickly becomes a problem again in just a few days.

Maintaining the roadway where the pothole is located is the responsibility of Tuolumne County as it is their property. We have been in contact with the County Public Works staff and they are well aware of the pothole and they are working on a solution.

It appears that a drainage culvert under the roadway is failing and will need to be replaced. They will most likely reroute the drainage culvert, place a new one and then remove and repair the existing area. This takes engineering, planning and funding and they have been working on all three.

Unfortunately, nothing happens quickly in our new COVID reality. Funding and staffing shortages are an issue these days, and Tuolumne County is experiencing this like many other agencies.

Once the County gets all of the engineering, planning and funding squared away, they will need to close off lanes of traffic to our entrance when they perform this work. We will be working with them to provide notice to the membership as this will significantly impact our community.

So the short answer is that the pothole is not being ignored, it is just a much bigger problem than most people realize. PML will continue working with the County to

navigate and ultimately resolve this very challenging situation.

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