

**From:** Terri Hicks

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 12, 2014 11:37 AM

**To:** Sharon Bronson

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**Subject:** Reallocation of road repair maintenance - Specifically - Silverbell Road between Ina and Camino Del Cerro

Ms. Bronson,

My husband and I purchased a home at 6076 N Benjamin Place off of Silverbell Road between Ina Road and El Camino Del Cerro 4 ½ years ago. We checked with Pima County prior to purchasing the home to see if improvements were scheduled for Silverbell Road within the next few years, as the road was (and still is) in unsafe condition. Unfortunately, I didn't write down the name of the person I spoke to at that time, but I was told that Silverbell Road was slated to have improvements done to it over the next 2 years, which has not happened.

The section of road to which I am referring is in horrible condition and is truly dangerous. That section has quite a few curves in it and in some sections of it one can come around a curve only to hit a pothole or depression in the road and literally feel as though the vehicle leaves the road for a second. There are also quite a few cyclists that use this section of road, and I have seen, on multiple occasions, very close calls where a vehicle comes around the corner only to meet up with a bicyclist in the road and have to slam on their brakes to avoid hitting them.

Just as important is the fact that between the curves, dips, and changes in direction, the road condition itself (i.e. the pavement) is pitted with holes and depressions, and areas where the edge of the road is eroded and the lanes become even more narrow. In 2012, during Monsoon season, it took me 2-3 hours to get home from work *once I turned* onto Silverbell Road from either Ina or Camino Del Cerro (less than 2 miles either way), because of flooding and the road being washed out. If it were only the monsoon that made this road unsafe, I could understand why Pima County would be avoiding fixing it, but it is year-round that this road is dangerous due to it being in ill repair.

On behalf of the homeowners who utilize this road, I am respectfully requesting that some of the reallocation funds of \$5 million in road repair maintenance be used to make necessary repairs to this section of Silverbell Road in order to make it safer for motorists who must use this road to get to and from their homes.

I would have attended the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> in order to address these issues in person, however, I am unable to cancel my patients for that day in order to attend. I hope this email will provide some insight as to why this is a dire situation that needs to be addressed utilizing these funds until the time in which this road can be revamped and expanded such as is the case on Silverbell north of Ina and South of Grant.

Respectfully submitted,

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