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Hello,

I've attached a letter to the Pima County Board of Supervisors for the "Call to the Public" section of the meeting. If you can't open attachments, I've included the body of the letter below.

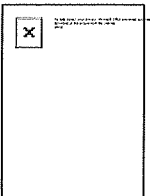
Dear District Supervisors,

As the Fire Chief for the Rincon Valley Fire District, I would like to express my concern with the memo Supervisor Heinz has attached to Item #11, Draft RTA Next Plan. The memo calls for removing the Colossal Cave Road project, the only roadway project in the southeast portion of the county. The project will improve Colossal Cave Road from Interstate 10 north to Mary Ann Cleveland. As you know, the Vail area has grown tremendously over the last several years. Despite the increase in home mortgage interest rates, my fire district averaged 40 new housing permits per month in 2023. There were only 93 fewer housing permits in 2023 compared to 2022. I can assure you these homes are not vacant. Our population density creates a ripple effect, increasing traffic congestion and increasing emergency response times.

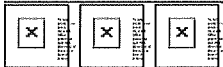
Although I do not have current population data, I have emergency incident data. In 2022, this stretch of road accounted for 14% of the motor vehicle collisions in our district. In 2023, **27%** of the motor vehicle collisions in our district were on Colossal Cave Road between I-10 and Camino Loma Alta. Please understand that this section of Colossal Cave is only 2.74 miles long.

If our past indicates our future, Vail will continue to grow. Without investing in our infrastructure, we are setting ourselves up for failure. In closing, I urge you to support the Colossal Cave Road project. Improving any part of our roadway system provides a benefit to everyone.

Respectfully,



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