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Public Hearing: Pima County Board of Supervisors  
Tuesday, June 3, 2014  
Speed Limit Reduction on Trail's End Road

Good morning

I'm Barbara Fleming, I live at 846 N. Cmo de Oeste, I'm current President GPANA

Thank you for this opportunity to speak in support of the recommendation by Dept of Transp on behalf of the 133 members of GPANA, and the residents most affected by this proposal.

Our neighborhood organization has long been in favor of reducing traffic speeds in our neighborhood. We have been working cooperatively with the Co Sheriff and Parks & Rec since last year to control excessive speeding on Gates Pass where numerous accidents and several fatalities have occurred. We support THIS initiative to change the speed limit on the eastern half of Trail's End Road for several reasons:

First) we can't find a single reason to OBJECT to lowering the speed limit near Camp Cooper. Thousands of school age children, their teachers and parents visit the environmental education facility every year in a crush of cars and busses. They also hold frequent nighttime star-gazing events and campfire programs for the public, so there's lots of foot traffic in that area. Lowering the legal speed limit in front of the Camp property will go a long way to assure the safety of those visitors, as well as staff and volunteers.

Secondly) the posted speed limit west of Camp Cooper is already 35 mph, or even less where the road approaches its dead end in the mountains. Dropping the speed ONLY in front of Camp Cooper would leave the eastern fraction of a mile of the road at the current 45 mph. Yet that eastern end of Trails End Rd is the most densely developed area anywhere along its entire length—equally in need of a lower speed limit. Horseriders, joggers, bikers, pet walkers, and birdwatchers use this corridor extensively every day—they should not have to fear a speeding car or distracted driver coming across the berm.

And lastly) On the west side, Cmo de Oeste is the major arterial and it's posted 45 from Sweetwater to Gates Pass Rd. TRAIL'S END Rd is NOT the same type of road as CdO, it's a residential side street with several residential feeder roads, NOT a major thoroughfare and should NOT be posted 45. Even Gates Pass Rd is posted 35 from end to end. To be consistent with other posted speed limits in our area, we're supporting Staff recommendation that the Board adopt the 35 mph for the entire length of Trail's End.

We appreciate the Supervisors' understanding of this issue from the local residents' point of view and your willingness to hear our request. We hope you'll join us in helping to make our neighborhoods strong and safe, WELL in advance of fatalities, accidents or injury to families or wildlife. Thank you.

**Subject:** RE: Trails End speed-limit reduction

**From:** "Waite, Colin" [REDACTED]

**Date:** 5/21/2014 1:31 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Would you be willing to read this?

"On behalf of the Cooper Center for Environmental Learning, also known as Camp Cooper and the Gates Pass Area Neighborhood Association, I would like to thank Supervisor Elias and his staff and the Department of Transportation for addressing this issue. Thank you for working to keep the children and adults that use Trails End Road safe."

Anything else?

From the Desert,

**Colin Waite**

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**To:** Waite, Colin

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I will absolutely be able to be there, with maybe another Bd member--if none of you can get there--maybe you'd like to send to Supe Elias a short email of appreciation that he might read into the minutes or send to me if you prefer--stay cool!--thanks, Barb

On 5/20/2014 9:32 AM, Waite, Colin wrote:

Hi Barb,

Do you anticipate a GPANA presence at this meeting? I will be in Vermont and I am having trouble finding another Cooper rep to be on hand.

From the Desert,

**Colin Waite**

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