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Subject: Greater Vail Area Chamber of Commerce's Support for Pima County
RTA Next Funding for Colossal Cave Road Expansion

January 23, 2024

Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 W. Congress Street, 11th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of the Greater Vail Area Chamber of Commerce to express our support for the Pima County Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Next funding for the expansion of Colossal Cave Road, RTA Project ID 3681. As an organization deeply committed to the economic vitality and well-being of the Greater Vail Area, we believe that this expansion is crucial to our community.

The Greater Vail Area has experienced substantial growth in recent years. In fact, in the last 20 years, the Vail Census Designated Place (CDP) grew by over 500%. The concept of "if you build it, they will come" is antiquated in this region. The bottom line is growth has already come and the area will continue to grow. With several housing developments already approved by the county, existing major employment campuses including the proposed H2K on thousands of acres of state land as approved by the City of Tucson, and logistics along with manufacturing companies evaluating the southeast; this roadway is critical. Despite the unprecedented growth, Colossal Cave Road is the only listed RTA Next project in the southeast and serves as a vital artery for transportation in our community, and the current traffic conditions highlight the pressing need for expansion.

We understand that the improvement of Colossal Cave Road is not only essential for addressing current traffic congestion but is also integral to ensuring the safety of our community members, particularly students attending schools in the area. With the planned growth in mind, it is imperative that we take proactive measures to enhance road infrastructure, thereby promoting safer commuting experiences for all residents.

The Greater Vail Area Chamber of Commerce believes that supporting the funding for Colossal Cave Road expansion aligns with our shared goals of fostering economic development, ensuring community safety, and enhancing the overall quality of life for our residents. We urge the Pima County Board of Supervisors to prioritize a greater public roadway infrastructure investment in the southeast region to support the critical funding needs of our growing community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to witnessing the positive impact that the expansion of Colossal Cave Road will have on the Greater Vail Area.

Sincerely,

Brad Anderson
President/CEO
Greater Vail Area Chamber of Commerce

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