

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 16, 2014 9:34 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Re: Pavement Preservation Project Allocation - Agenda Item 11

Dear Board of Supervisors / Robin Brigode,

I am a resident of Vail and wanted to write a note to the board in favor of supporting Ray Carroll and his efforts to fund the project to repair and upgrade Colossal Cave Rd, between Acacia Elementary School and Old Vail Middle School.

Colossal Cave Rd. is really the gateway into Vail and the one and only ingress/egress to and from I-10 for all Vail residents. This road has been rated as poor/fail and presents a constant safety hazard to school children, pedestrians, cyclists, and automobile traffic. Traffic flow, especially during morning rush hour and school opening, is drastically effected and poses an ongoing safety problem to the children to provide safe passage. The cars and busses turning into these schools dramatically add to the congestion and illegal passing offers added safety concerns.

There are no sidewalks or bicycle lanes to allow safe passage to pedestrians or growing number of cyclists. In addition to the safety issues, this road provides access to literally 100% of the busniesses located in Vail. The project to repair and upgrade this road has been on the books since 2000, with no progress. We all realize and recognize that both money and budgets are tight, however, addressing this issue is a huge concern to all Vail residents, as it effects each and every one of us. Addressing this issue now will help improve the traffic flow and mitigate congestion and improve access to our retail community. Safety issues will be improved for pedestrians and cyclists, but most importantly school children. Vail is a growing area. Attending to these poor conditions here now will also help improve this situation for the future growth of this community.

I am in full support of Supervisor Ray Carroll's efforts and concern to address this pressing issue. I hope the board can find a way to fund this very needed project.

Steve Barker

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 16, 2014 10:46 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Please fix the road

Robin

I understand there is a meeting on Tuesday. I had rotor cuff surgery Friday and am out of commission for a little while. Please convey my concerns to please fix the road.

1. Public Safety: this should include students, pedestrians, and bicyclists. There are no sidewalks, bike paths, and the two lane road that gives access to school busses and cars during peak driving times is a constant hazard. Both Acacia and Old Vail Middle School need right and left turn lanes to reduce congestion and improve safety for the children going to school, as well as improve traffic flow for all residents. Congestion occurs due to the overlap between school and morning commutes, plus the constant train activity. Additionally, school crosswalk activity (15 mph zone) impedes traffic flow on this road.
2. Colossal Cave Rd. is the only ingress/egress for Vail residents to directly access I-10 on a daily basis, without going down Maryann Cleveland to Houghton, and the road conditions are less than desirable. This is the one road that is the gateway into our community and needs immediate attention.
3. Colossal Cave Rd. has been classified as poor to fail.
4. The Colossal Cave Rd. has been on the project list since 2000 and not addressed.
5. Economic impact. This road provides access to literally 100% of the retail and commercial enterprises in Vail.
6. Improvement of this road not only addresses our current situation, but also effects the future growth of Vail.

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**From:** audrey neal  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 16, 2014 12:11 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** colossal cave road

We understand that at the upcoming Supervisor's Board Meeting, the issue of the "Pavement Preservation Project Allocations and Funding Approval" is on the agenda to address the Colossal Cave Road situation. we would like to express some of our concerns for your consideration.

- Safety of drivers, students, pedestrians, and bicyclists is at risk. There are no sidewalks or bike paths, and the two lane road that gives access to school busses and cars during peak driving times is a constant hazard. Both Acacia and Old Vail Middle School need right and left turn lanes to reduce congestion and improve safety for the children going to school, as well as to improve traffic flow for all residents. Congestion occurs due to the overlap between school and morning commutes, plus the constant train activity.
- Colossal Cave Road is the only option for Vail residents to directly access I-10 on a daily basis, without going down Maryann Cleveland to Houghton, and the road conditions are dreadful. This is the one road that is the gateway into our community and needs immediate attention.
- The Colossal Cave Road has been on the project list since 2000 and has not been addressed.
- Economic impact. This road provides access to literally 100% of the retail and commercial enterprises in Vail and it is the one road in Vail that is used by virtually every resident on a regular basis.
- Improvement of this road not only addresses our current situation, but also effects the future growth of Vail.

If you receive similar emails it is because these items are some that many of us have discussed, and are of continuing concern to citizens of Vail. We hope you can help us. Thanks for your consideration.

Audrey Neal and Harvey Diesner  
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Vail, AZ 85641

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**From:** -  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 16, 2014 1:56 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Cc:** Dupuis, Bob  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 11: County Administrator --- Pavement Preservation Project Allocations and Funding Approvals

Dear Clerk of the Board and Board of Supervisors:

We are ten-year residents of Vail, having moved here from Philadelphia in 2004. We were attracted here by the "village-like" atmosphere --- away from the big city but close enough to access city amenities. We continue to thoroughly enjoy our life in Vail and seek to help make this area even more enjoyable for existing and future residents.

Our one major concern for our "village" is the current condition of Colossal Cave Road (CCR). This road is the primary access to Vail from the highway. It is also the one road in Vail that is utilized by virtually all residents on a regular basis. CCR is the main route to two schools as well as our primary commercial district. Unfortunately, CCR is currently rated to be in poor/fair condition, and its condition continues to deteriorate from the ever increasing traffic in Vail.

We understand that on the 18th of this month the Board of Supervisors will be considering a funding request to allocate monies to provide needed upgrades to this important road. We are requesting and urging the Board to approve this request for many reasons.

Most importantly, this ever-deteriorating roadway has become a major public safety concern. As indicated above, this road is the main access to two schools and many businesses. It is regularly used by cars, trucks, buses, bicycles, and pedestrians --- many of whom are students. The condition of the road results in traffic resorting to dangerous maneuvers, increasing the chance of serious accidents. The lack of turn lanes, bus pullouts, and sidewalks also makes it impossible for CCR to handle the ever increasing congestion. Providing the aforementioned upgrades are necessary for public safety. The current condition of CCR has a dramatic impact on Vail's current economic environment and Vail's future growth.

We understand that finances are tight, but the need to correct the problems along CCR is paramount for Vail and its residents, much more now than in 2000 when CCR was placed on the transportation project list. It is for these reasons the we strongly support Supervisor Carroll's proposal to modify the current Pavement Preservation Project List and allocations funds to address the ever deteriorating conditions along Colossal Cave Road.

Thank-you very much for your consideration

Bob & Kathy Dupuis

*Pima County Board of Supervisors*

*Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Chair, District 3*

*Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator*

*Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board*

Dear Board of Supervisors:

The Greater Vail Civic League is a newly-formed group comprised of Vail residents and Vail businesses, exclusively, and whose purpose is to provide a new voice to Pima County on behalf of the Vail community.

In regards to Agenda item 11 on the Board of Supervisors' meeting for February 18, County Administrator Pavement Preservation Project and Funding Approval:

The entrance to Vail from I-10 is Colossal Cave Road. This two-lane road, which has been rated in Poor/Fail condition by Pima County, passes by Acacia Elementary School, all 16 businesses in Vail, the Vail Post Office, and Old Vail Middle School. The young students in these schools have no right or left turn lanes to provide safe passage. There are no sidewalks for them; children who are not driven in cars make their way along the dirt shoulders. Their school day begins in commuter rush hour. Cars turning into the schools delay traffic to and from I-10, with risk to commuters and students alike. Cars attempting to illegally pass, using the shoulders where the children walk, have been seen.

There are no bicycle lanes in this portion of the road to support the large population of recreational and professional cyclists here. Consequently, these athletes add to the congestion and risk to safety, not only to themselves but also to the children and motorists.

Two railroad crossings between the schools offer limited visibility. We must note that the Success Road turn-off occurs close behind a crossing and is obscured from the south, a dangerous situation.

Vail is a rapidly-growing community whose access is bottle-necked by the dangerous condition of this road. Vail businesses are handicapped by the lack of safe entry points. Motorists are at risk; cyclists are at risk; pedestrians are at risk; but **most importantly**, Vail children are at risk.

The Greater Vail Civic League supports Supervisor Carroll's proposal to urgently modify the Pavement Preservation FY 2013-14 project list to allocate funds to address the Colossal Cave Road conditions. We recognize that the budget is tight, but this need is pressing. Vail growth has rendered the original traffic plan for Colossal Cave Road obsolete, and the road has also fallen into poor condition.

Thank you.

Greater Vail Civic League

Cc:

Supervisor Ally Miller, District 1

Supervisor Ramòn Valadez, District 2

Supervisor Ray Carroll, District 4

Supervisor Richard Elías, District 5

John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works

Priscilla Cornelio, Director, Transportation Department

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**From:** Robin Brigode  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2014 8:31 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Fwd: Silverbell Road

----- Original message -----

From: Jerry Estruth  
Date: 02/17/2014 8:14 AM (GMT-07:00)  
To: Sharon Bronson  
Cc: Robin  
Brigode , chuck.huckleberry@pima.gov, District1 , District3 , DIST2 , District4 , District5  
Subject: Silverbell Road

Honorable Sharon Bronson  
Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors  
130 W. Congress, 11th Floor  
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Chairwoman Bronson:

The road maintenance plan for 2014-15 seems to have one obvious omission and that is Silverbell Road from Sweetwater Drive to Ina Road. The condition of the pavement in this stretch is awful. Furthermore, the road is dangerous to all road-users including motorists, their passengers, transit riders, cyclists, and pedestrians.

We all know that Pima County lacks sufficient funds for all its roadway needs; however, the scarce funding for road maintenance needs to be allocated in a more logical manner and the prioritization process should certainly consider a roadway's function.

Silverbell Road, unlike many roads on the project list is unique because of its regional significance and because it is the primary route for most residents and businesses in the Tucson Mountains. We have to travel it all the time to get anywhere.

Silverbell Road is more than a local road – it is a reliever for I-10 on a daily basis.

Silverbell will soon have a more important role as ADOT undertakes the reconstruction of the El Camino del Cerro and Ina Road traffic interchanges in the next couple years. Closure of these interchanges will be inevitable during periods of construction. That traffic will go on Silverbell Road, which simply can't even handle it in its current condition.

Silverbell Road will provide key access to I-10 along Sunset Road once the Sunset Bridge (which washed out in 1983!) is finally replaced.

Silverbell Road itself is slated for major reconstruction a decade from now as an RTA-funded project. This is absolutely not an excuse for continuing to defer maintenance on it.

Please help us here on the West Side.

Sincerely,

Jerry T Estruth  
5756 n Tucson mt dr  
Tucson, az 85743

CC: Ally Miller, District 1  
Ramón Valadez, District 2  
Ray Carroll, District 4  
Richard Elías, District 5  
C.H. Huckelberry, County Administrator



February 16, 2014

Re: Silverbell Road

Honorable Sharon Bronson  
Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors  
130 W. Congress, 11th Floor  
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Chairman Bronson:

I have reviewed the proposed road maintenance plan for FY 2014-15, and congratulated staff on forwarding a mostly well-reasoned list. One obvious omission is Silverbell Road from Sweetwater Drive to Ina Road. This is entirely in unincorporated Pima County except for a small segment in Marana.

The pavement condition in this stretch provides at best a miserable driving experience. More importantly, the road is dangerous to all road-users including motorists, their passengers, transit riders, cyclists, and pedestrians. Its poor condition increases user costs due to slower travel times and increased vehicle operating costs. To illustrate my point, I recently had my all-wheel drive vehicle aligned. The service manager asked if I did a lot of off-roading. When I responded, "No, not at all. I just drive a lot on Silverbell", he understood completely.

It is widely known that Pima County lacks sufficient funds for all its roadway needs. However, the scarce funding for road maintenance needs to be allocated in a more logical manner. The prioritization process should certainly consider a roadway's function and its importance as a regional facility, as well as traffic volume and maintenance costs.

Silverbell Road, unlike many roads on the project list is unique because of its regional significance. Here are a few reasons why:

- Silverbell Road is the primary route for most residents and businesses in the Tucson Mountains. We simply can't go anywhere east of I-10 without driving at least a couple miles on Silverbell. This is because in the 7.4 miles from Grant Road to Ina Road, there is only one other corridor that crosses the Santa Cruz River and I-10, and that's El Camino Del Cerro. In contrast, there are nine crossings of the Rillito between La Cholla Road and Swan Road, which is a similar distance. We have no choice but to drive on this dilapidated facility.
- Silverbell Road is more than a local road – it is a reliever for I-10 on a daily basis. Traffic routinely travels under I-10 to Silverbell Road, instead of getting stuck in I-10's perpetual construction zones. This has been going on for at least 15 years and will continue for several more years. So, we have traffic from the west side that needs to use Silverbell Road mixing it up with traffic from other areas that suffer Silverbell's potholes in lieu of freeway congestion.
- Silverbell will have an even more important role as ADOT undertakes the reconstruction of the El Camino del Cerro and Ina Road traffic interchanges in the next couple years. Closure of these interchanges will be inevitable during periods of construction. And guess where much of that

traffic will go. You guessed, it Silverbell Road, which simply can't handle this traffic in its current condition.

- Silverbell Road will provide key access to I-10 along Sunset Road once the Sunset Bridge (which washed out in 1983!) is finally replaced. This project is under design and is also slated for construction in a few years.
- Silverbell is a cycling corridor and is designated as such on the regional bike map. In addition to resurfacing, the cross section of Silverbell Road needs only minor enhancements, such as turn lanes at major cross streets and nominal paved shoulders, to improve safety for both motorists and bicyclists.
- Silverbell Road itself is slated for major reconstruction a decade from now as an RTA-funded project. This is absolutely not an excuse, nor is it even a valid explanation, for continuing to defer maintenance on Silverbell Road.

I hope that you will take a strong position Tuesday on this matter and, along with your colleagues, direct staff to add Silverbell Road resurfacing (and possible shoulder additions) to the FY 14-15 funded improvements list. Given the regional importance of the corridor during future construction phases on I-10, it may even be possible to obtain some matching funds from ADOT, Marana, and the City of Tucson, who all benefit from this regionally significant route.

Finally, as a professional consultant on transportation policy and funding, it is obvious that new funding, such as an increased gas tax or nominal propriety tax increase suggested by the County Administrator, is needed to cure the wide range of deficiencies. Given the shortage of HURF and federal funds for maintenance, it is unconscionable for anyone to suggest that new and innovative funding is not needed.



Curtis E. Lueck

CC: Ally Miller, District 1  
Ramón Valadez, District 2  
Ray Carroll, District 4  
Richard Elías, District 5  
C.H. Huckelberry, County Administrator

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**From:** Tim Holt  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2014 10:36 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail; Priscilla Cornelio; Annabelle Valenzuela; District4; Chuck Huckelberry  
**Cc:** Cyndy Elias; Janet Williams; Joe Bustamante; Dan Williams; Linda Cain/Regina Babb; Alan and Rebecca Binder; John & Donna Cross; Al & Donna Cyr; Andy & Kimberly Duvall; Ann Gibson; Mike & Mindy Grinnel; Louise Holt; Dave & Amy Katzenmeyer; Delores Lambert; Danny & Brenda Lambert; David Westover - Carol Lynch; Pat & Lou Ann Negrete; Brad & Eugenia Roberts; Ray & Cindy Shumate; Thomas & Suzanne Swetnam; Ann Woychowski; Phillip & Diane Veneziano; Jill Woychowski; Warner, Eric & Mark Pitts; Jeff & Lisa Armbruster; Graeff, Burt Banda, June; Pat & Pam Bates; Barbara Bormes; Brian O&#39;Neil & Kara Dolan; Frank Gonzalez; John Griesinger; Maxwell Robert & Shafer Jill; Brian Johnson; Graeff Burt and Banda June; John Kazakoff; Kyle & Heather Kimbriel; Bill & Edith Mordini; Bill & Patricia Pesola; Maxwell, Robert Schafer, Jill; Nancy Schroeder; Chuck & Brenda Whitney  
**Subject:** Colossal Cave Road/Rincon Valley Impact Fees

To above Pima County Officials:

Ray Carroll has been holding meetings with concerned residents in Rincon Valley and the Vail area regarding the deterioration of Colossal Cave Road to the point of it no longer being a safe passage for the residents it serves. Promises have been made for years to get it improved but always the same excuse of no monies, to which I say there is no excuse.

Please refer to the following email to me from Annabelle Valenzuela, DOT Community Relations Manager, on March 2, 2010 regarding the my questioning of the collected Rincon Valley Impact Fees and the proposed allocation of funds including the Colossal Cave Road improvement in the amounts of \$9.5m and \$1.6m of the total collected of approximately \$14.5m at that time. Although new home building has slowed during the recession, there have been funds collected increasing that amount since early 2010, the time of that email.

So after review of this information, I ask, along with all residents affected, why haven't these impact fees been spent on the approved improvements? And because they haven't, where are those dollars that we paid, that you collected, in the purchasing and building of our homes in the Rincon Valley Benefit Area since 1996? These are not HURF dollars that were taken from Pima County to balance the state budgets over past years. They are dollars collected to be used for improvements to the infrastructure serving the residents affected.

I urge the the County Board to approve these projects immediately. We've waited and heard your excuses long enough. It's time for action. We paid these impact fees in advance. Use them as they were intended, now.

Respectfully,

John Tim & Louise J Holt  
7915 S Avenida Catrina  
Rincon Desert Estates  
Tucson, AZ 85747

CC: Residents of Rincon Desert Estates

From: Annabelle Valenzuela <Annabelle.Valenzuela@dot.pima.gov>  
Subject: Rincon Valley Impact Fees  
To: "David Cummings" <David.Cummings@dot.pima.gov>, "Priscilla Cornelio" <Priscilla.Cornelio@dot.pima.gov>, "District4" <District4@pima.gov>, "Nicole Burdette" <Nicole.Burdette@dot.pima.gov>  
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 4:57 PM

Mr. Holt, the Rincon Valley Benefit Area has collected approximately 14.5 million dollars in impact fees since 1996. The fees have been expended on the following approved projects:

Colossal Cave Road : Camino Loma Alta to Vail Road : \$9.5M  
Colossal Cave Road : Acacia School to Old Vail Road : \$1.6M  
Camino Loma Alta: Old Spanish Trail to Colossal: \$2.2M  
Houghton Road- I-10 Access: \$480,000  
Cienega High School Drive Improvements: \$50,000

The impact fees have been directed to the projects listed above. The full listing of projects for the Rincon Valley is listed at  
<http://dot.pima.gov/transsys/impactfees/SWIPProjectOrdrecrecord.pdf>

Because growth has significantly decreased, funding for the other projects that are listed will not be available until further in the future.

Thank you for your patience.

Annabelle

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Community Relations Manager  
Pima County Department of Transportation  
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**From:** Julie Katz  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2014 11:09 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Repair of Colossal Cave Road

I want to voice my strongest support to the Pima County Board of Supervisors in approval the item on the agenda for tomorrow, February 18, 2014, pertaining to the repair and widening of Colossal Cave Road. I have been a resident of Vail for the past 9 years and the road between the I-10 Freeway and north of the railroad tracks has been in a state of disrepair since prior to the arrival of my family and I in the Vail area.

The following are points I would like to make in support of my position on this matter:

1. **Public Safety:** There are no sidewalks, bike paths, and the two lane road that gives access to school busses and cars during peak driving times is a constant hazard. This pertains to students, their parents and other who travel the road in the morning and afternoon when school is starting and when it has reached its daily conclusion. Both Acacia and Old Vail Middle School must be provided **right** and left turn lanes to reduce congestion and improve safety for the children going to school, as well as improve traffic flow for all residents.
2. Colossal Cave Rd. is the only ingress/egress for Vail residents to directly access I-10 on a daily basis unless one undertakes the longer route of using Mary Anne Cleveland Way to get to Houghton. This would put even more traffic in front of Cienega High School which has enough congestion with the two lane road already used by students, parents and faculty. This is a less than desirable option.
3. Colossal Cave Rd. has been classified by the County's Road Department and other as "Poor to Fail."
4. The Colossal Cave Rd. has been on the County Road Department project list since 2000 and has never been funded nor seen as a priority.
5. This road provides access to literally 100% of the retail and commercial enterprises in Vail thus will have a significant economical impact on the area if it improved and a continuing **NEGATIVE** impact if ignored again.
6. Improvement of this road not only addresses our current situation, but also effects the future growth of Vail which is vital to the County and the residents of Vail.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Julie Katz

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**From:** Stuart Katz  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2014 11:07 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Fixing Colossal Cave Road

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Thank you for your consideration.

Stuart Katz

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2014 11:31 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Pavement Preservation - Agenda Item 11

Clerk of the Board,

My name is Kathleen O'Connor and I am a resident of Vail. I am writing in support of Ray Carroll's efforts to fund the Colossal Cave Rd. project and finally confront the many issues and problems we face here every day on this road.

Colossal Cave Rd. is the entranceway to Vail from I-10. This road has been rated poor/fail by Pima County and passes two schools on it's way into Vail. There are no turn lanes for buses or parents dropping off their children. The result of this is daily congestion and poses a safety issue for all the students. Illegal passing occurs, which also is a constant threat to pedestrians. Besides the lack of turn lanes, there are no sidewalks for pedestrians or bike lanes present for the growing number of cyclists.

The condition of the road is deplorable and is the one single road that offers access to all of our retail business. This does not send a very positive message to any visitors to our community and is a daily problematic issue to all Vail residents. Improving this road addresses a variety of issues at once. Safety, better traffic flow, improved access to retail concerns, and also offers a solution for improved travel to a community that is continuing to grow.

I applaud Supervisor Carroll's efforts to finally fund this very needed project and improvement. I encourage the Board of Supervisors to also support his efforts to obtain funding for this desperately needed improvement to Colossal Cave Road.

Kathleen O'Connor



Pima County Board Of Supervisors

Sharon Bronson, Chair

Dear Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Vail Community Action Board, the Greater Vail Chamber of Commerce, Vail Preservation Society, Colossal Cave Mountain Park and the residents of Vail we are requesting that some reallocation of funds from the \$5 million in road repair maintenance be used to make repairs to the section of Colossal Cave Road between Old Vail Middle School and I-10.

This crumbling section of road includes a blind intersection, no turn lanes for school access, no bike lanes, and no sidewalks. It is a danger to our residents commuting to and from work, our cycling enthusiasts (not only recreational but also professional cyclist who train here), and most important our children's walking or cycling to and from school. Acacia and Old Vail Middle Schools are in need of right and left turn lanes which would greatly improve congestion, improve traffic flow, and provide a safer environment for pedestrians. We acknowledge the limitation on funds, but this is a very important road that has an impact on county holdings, tourism, and future growth in Vail.

The residents of Vail have been waiting many years for repairs and improvements that would accommodate the growth in the area. We are asking for some of the money to address the needed changes that will have a positive impact for our residents, business and schools.

Vail Community Action Board

Greater Vail Chamber of Commerce

Vail Preservation Society

Colossal Cave Mountain Park

Cc:

Supervisor Ally Miller

Supervisor Ramon Valadez

Supervisor Ray Carroll

Supervisor Richard Elias

County Administrator C. Huckelberry



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**From:** Elaine Smith  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2014 4:21 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Colossal Cave Rd Improvement

Dear Robin Brigode:

I understand your board is in the process of evaluating the needed improvements to Colossal Cave Rd between Acacia Elementary School and the Old Vail Middle School.

Over the last eight years there has been much growth and improvements to the roads serving the Vail community and we thank you. However, there is an area between the two schools that desperately needs help. One only needs to attempt to get to I 10 during the opening school hours and closing school hours to understand the congestion and safety concerns that are ever present.

We pay our taxes and we elect our supervisors in the hope that we will be heard. I'm sure our local volunteers that represent the Vailians will be present at your meeting to hopefully get your attention to resolve this issue.

Please listen.

Regards,  
Elaine Smith  
13860 E Sage Hills Dr  
Vail, AZ 85641

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**From:** Mel Belger  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2014 4:37 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Pima County Board of Supervisors in support of repair to Colossal Cave Road

Robin Brigode  
Clerk of the Board

Myself and my wife Sandy moved from Southern California in 2004 and purchased our new home in Wingview located in Del Lago. Even then one of the major topics of discussion was the poor condition of Colossal Cave Road. I was relieved (being retired) that I didn't work or take children to school and be delayed by trains or heavy traffic.

Unfortunately, 10 years later Colossal Cave Road has gone from poor to fail conditions.

With Colossal Cave Road being the most desired route to I-10 (Maryann Cleveland to Houghton is a less desirable route with it's three schools) for residential school and work traffic.

Hopefully, with much needed repairs, right and left turn lanes to speed traffic, bike paths for the protection for our bikers, side walks for school children in front of the schools, Colossal Cave Road would safely be able to handle the still growing amount of residential, retail and commercial traffic.

Mel Belger  
13797 E. Red Hawk Sky Trail  
Vail, AZ 85641

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2014 8:25 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Fwd: Silverbell Road

----- Original message -----

**From:**  
**Date:** 02/17/2014 7:36 PM (GMT-07:00)  
**To:** District1  
**Cc:** Robin Brigode  
**Subject:** Re: Silverbell Road

6090 N Tucson Mountain Dr.  
Tucson, AZ 85743

February 16, 2014  
Re: Silverbell Road

Dear Chairman Bronson,

I have been made aware of the proposed road maintenance plan for FY 2014-15. The proposed list appears well thought out except for the omission of Silverbell Road, from Sweetwater Drive to Ina Road.

The pavement condition on this stretch of Silverbell Road is poor. It is understandable that our county lacks adequate funding to address all its roadway needs; this well traveled road should receive higher priority.

Silverbell Road serves as the primary route for most residents and businesses in the Tucson Mountains. To reach I-10, residents must travel a portion of the road. It serves as a relief road for I-10, thus serving far more than just local residents. Once reconstruction of the El Camino del Cerro and Ina Road interchanges begins, in the not too distant future, Silverbell Road will need to absorb the redirected traffic. While major reconstruction of Silverbell Road is proposed as an RTA-funded project, that proposed work is currently a decade away. The road needs attention now. Added traffic will cause the current road condition to worsen, posing serious safety issues.

I urge you to take a strong position on Tuesday on this matter, and direct staff to add Silverbell Road resurfacing to the FY 14-15 funded improvement list.

Thank you.

Lynne Mangold

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**From:** -----  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2014 8:26 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re; Silverbell Road

----- Original message -----

From:  
Date: 02/17/2014 7:25 PM (GMT-07:00)  
To: District3, SharonBronson@pima.gov, Robin Brigode  
Subject: Re; Silverbell Road

6090 N Tucson Mountain Dr.  
Tucson, AZ 85743

February 16, 2014  
Re: Silverbell Road

Dear Chairman Bronson,

I have been made aware of the proposed road maintenance plan for FY 2014-15. The proposed list appears well thought out except for the omission of Silverbell Road, from Sweetwater Drive to Ina Road.

The pavement condition on this stretch of Silverbell Road is poor, substandard, and dangerous. In particular the section between Belmont and Ina. I feel it is a serious hazard with respect to motorists and bicyclers. It is understandable that our county lacks adequate funding to address all its roadway needs; this well traveled road should receive higher priority.

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Thank you.

Thomas Mangold

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2014 8:29 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Fwd: Silverbell Road Maintenance

----- Original message -----

From: Kendall Elmer  
Date: 02/17/2014 8:28 PM (GMT-07:00)  
To: Sharon Bronson  
Cc: Robin Brigode  
Subject: Silverbell Road Maintenance

Dear Supervisor Bronson,

I am writing to request your support for considering the inclusion of Silverbell Road between Sweetwater Road and Ina Road in the County's FY 2014-15 road maintenance plan. My wife and I live in the foothills of the Tucson Mountains and we travel this stretch of Silverbell Road daily by either automobile or bicycle. Silverbell Road is badly in need of repair due to the extensively eroded pavement and potholes, and it is not realistic to expect the roadway to be operable for more than a decade when an RTA-funded project is scheduled to rebuild the roadbed. Even more worrisome is the fact that once major roadway improvement projects such as the Ina Road and Camino del Cerro interchange reconstruction projects at I-10 and the reconstruction of the Sunset Road bridge across the Santa Cruz river get underway in the next few years, Silverbell Road will be heavily used by traffic that bypasses and/or is diverted from those construction areas. This will only exacerbate the overdue-for-repair condition of Silverbell Road. I respectfully request that you do everything in your power to address the condition of Silverbell Road as soon as possible through the County's road maintenance program.

Thank you.

Kendall Elmer  
5595 W. Tucson Mountain Place  
Tucson, AZ 85743

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**From:** arbarier@cox.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014 5:44 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Colossal Cave Road

Dear Robin Brigode:

Following are points to be considered regarding improving Colossal Cave Road in Vail:

1. Public Safety: this should include students, pedestrians, and bicyclists. There are no sidewalks, bike paths, and the two lane road that gives access to school busses and cars during peak driving times is a constant hazard. Both Acacia and Old Vail Middle School need right and left turn lanes to reduce congestion and improve safety for the children going to school, as well as improve traffic flow for all residents. Congestion occurs due to the overlap between school and morning commutes, plus the constant train activity. Additionally, school crosswalk activity (15 mph zone) impedes traffic flow on this road.
2. Colossal Cave Rd. is the only ingress/egress for Vail residents to directly access I-10 on a daily basis, without going down Maryann Cleveland to Houghton, and the road conditions are less than desirable. This is the one road that is the gateway into our community and needs immediate attention.
3. Colossal Cave Rd. has been classified as poor to fair.
4. The Colossal Cave Rd. has been on the project list since 2000 and not addressed.
5. Economic impact. This road provides access to literally 100% of the retail and commercial enterprises in Vail.
6. Improvement of this road not only addresses our current situation, but also effects the future growth of Vail.

Your attention and consideration is greatly appreciated.

Edwin F. Barbier  
10607 S. Blackhawk Ridge Place  
Vail, AZ 85641