

Dear Friends and Neighbors

This proposal is being submitted to the County asking for their help on our roads. This election period would be a good time to ask our representatives to help support this proposal being submitted as a first step to open discussion between us and the County for solutions to our community road needs.

You can add your voice asking for this support by contacting our District 1 Representative, Pat Call, by e-mail at PCall@co.cochise.az.us or by telephone at 432-9200. You can also write a letter to Pat Call, District 1 Supervisor, at 1415 W. Melody Lane, Bisbee AZ 85603.

In addition, if you have other acquaintances at the County in Planning and Zoning or in the Road Department, or anyone else you think might be helpful, be sure to contact them asking for their support of our Road Project.

Your Community Roads Task Force
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Public-Private Partnership Proposal

From The Palominas Area Community Roads Task Force (CRTF)

This application is being submitted as agreed with Karen Lamberton to assess the County's ability to participate in a non-County-maintained and non-paved road project. The Public/Private Partnership appears to be an appropriate vehicle fitting the needs of the concerned citizens of our area.

A complete project description along with subject issues, pictures, community support and contact information has been submitted to Karen and is available for review. Additional work since this document was produced includes a manual traffic count and added support from the Fire Chief.

The road count held three weeks ago resulted in 650 vehicles on Kings Ranch Road in nine four-hour periods extending from 5AM to 7PM. Complete statistics are attached. It is estimated that a 24-hour period would result in 850-900 vehicles.

This application will ask the County to assist the Community in four areas:

1. Perform a traffic and speed count by automated means.
2. Post speed signs of 25 mph along the corridor.
3. Assist in a professional grading project for a 1.5 mile portion of the corridor.
4. Help determine the feasibility of the community establishing the newer Road Improvement & Maintenance District (RIMD) designation.

This request is short of what the overall project description proposes and is seen as a good first step in what is seen as a multiple year process. The community then envisions a true partnership between itself and the County with potential State and Federal agency participation.

Request One, the automated traffic count, is seen as a way to get dust and particulate counts which ADEQ can evaluate as described in Attachment F in the memo from Phil DeNee PhD of ADEQ in Phoenix. In Non-monsoon seasons dust is a huge health and safety issue, the extent of which can be best determined by answers Mr. DeNee seeks.

In Request Two, the posting of speed signs of 25 mph may help the dust issues and certainly safety issues. See Attachment D of the main project description and note that the Sheriff considers the un-posted speed limit to be 45 mph, but adds the road conditions do not make this reasonable as evidenced by the upside-down Border Patrol

vehicle. Ironically, the Kings Ranch Road north of Highway 92, which is paved, has a 25 mph speed sign!

Speed is of particular concern on Kings Ranch Road as it is very wide and straight for one mile. Regardless of road conditions, speeders are a constant menace.

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Request Three, the professional grading assistance, could worsen the speed problem if it were to simply smooth out the surface without the associated speed signs. Such a grading is envisioned to include bringing fill from the sides of Kings Ranch Road, currently about 100 feet wide, to form a road approximately 28 feet wide to meet the County's rural collector specifications. Good grading to crown and ditch our road, with perhaps a few culverts or graveled swales for drainage control, could improve the surface; narrowing the roadway would impact the speed issues. During this process a dust control additive as recommended by ADEQ may be appropriate.

In Request Four, the establishment or review of the appropriateness of an RIMD for the community is seen as a way to assure participation of all affected parties. This will help us comply with the Cochise County Comprehensive Plan. It also allows the community a vehicle for requesting and administering grants to assist in future improvements to the area. The Cochise County Attorney rendered a positive opinion to the Special Districts Office that the RIMD structure does allow such Grant functions.

In summary, a broad and broadening portion of the community is behind the efforts as described in the project description and is well aware that a financial commitment on our part will be required. The community wishes to establish a partnership with the County and subsequently with State and Federal agencies to improve the health, safety and access for what is becoming a fast growing portion of Cochise County.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and stand ready to answer any questions this proposal may bring to mind.

Sincerely,

Tom Davis

On behalf of the many concerned area citizens and property owners.

Statistics Page to be Added