

Late Material for the June 10, 2020, Regional Transportation Commission Meeting

Item 6-A on the 70% Design Plans for Kings Canyon Road and Trailhead

Included:

- Letter from Vicki Preston
- Letter from Garry and Jerry Vance
- Petition from the Citizens for Responsible Access

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Dear Commission Members:

NV FLAP 39(1) Kings Canyon Road and Trailhead Project

This letter is sent as a response to the 70% preliminary design plans for the road project to begin on Kings Canyon Road in 2021 and to express my concerns about some of the details of this project.

First, I want to thank the Carson City public works and park employees who recently met with me and my neighbors. They were very professional, answered our questions and found some of our suggestions helpful.

As a forty year resident in the Kings Canyon neighborhood, I have witnessed or seen the results of: many car and bike accidents involving deer and/or speed; major fires that burned thousands of acres and many homes; and flooding that moved tens of thousands of cubic yards of dirt from the canyon to downtown Carson City.

Parking Lot at Trailhead

As a member of the Kings Canyon Fire Safe Council, I advocated for years for a turnaround at the top of Kings Canyon Road to enable fire trucks to be able to turn around. That need became quite apparent on July 14, 2004 when a Carson City fire truck and another emergency vehicle burned in the Waterfall fire because they were trapped

and could not get out. I am very happy that this project includes a large enough parking area for fire trucks to turn around.

I am concerned, however, at the number of parking spaces that are on the most recent map. The 30 spaces in the currently proposed map will only invite overuse and crowding of the Kings Canyon Waterfall Trail. Recently, there have been accidents on that trail. I made the suggestion to reduce the number of parking spaces to 25 with them being at an angle instead of head on. This not only allows for easy access and departure, it also provides for more room for fire trucks to maneuver the one-way parking area and road when the need arises in the future.

“Dry Hydrant” Water Storage Tank

In addition to the turnaround, I also advocated for and discussed the need for a water storage/holding tank that could be buried somewhere at the top of the canyon, ideally near the creek. Today, I spoke to Rod Rummel, Wildland Fuels Management Officer with the Carson City Fire Department. He stated that a tank would hold approximately 10,000 gallons of water. Our fire trucks hold 350 to 1,500 gallons of water. Currently, there are three water storage/holding tanks of this type in the Mexican Dam area, Pinion Hills area and in Clear Creek.

We do not have city water or fire hydrants in Kings Canyon. When we lose power, we lose the ability to run the pumps to our wells. That was a huge problem during the Waterfall Fire when fire trucks ran out of water fighting fires to save homes. Many homes were lost in this canyon. This “dry hydrant” storage tank would provide an invaluable supply of water to battle these fires in the future. This idea would necessitate collaboration with the Carson City Fire Department. There may be grants through the Nevada Division of Forestry that could help defray the cost to purchase a tank which might only be a few thousand dollars. Maybe this would be the time to consider installing this type of type water tank in coordination with the design of this project.

Speed and Deer

Another consistent problem on Kings Canyon Road is the speed at which vehicles travel. Yesterday, with three city employees, myself, my husband and son witnessed a car slam on their brakes to avoid a deer just above the culvert where the creek goes under the road. There was a pedestrian walking up the road directly across from the car. During our meeting, at least four deer crossed the road at that blind corner. The proposed design reduces the speed from 35 mph to 25 mph. That will be advantageous if it is enforced by Carson City Sheriff’s Office. Strategically placed speed radar feedback signs or similar caution signs would be helpful to alert motorists of this danger.

Our Property located at 3550 Kings Canyon Road

Currently, the 70% design layout would require a few of our mature trees to be removed due to the widening of the roadway closer to our property. In the past five years we have had our driveway flooded and destroyed due to water coming through the culvert at Canyon Drive. This design eliminates that culvert under Canyon Drive and installs a diagonal culvert under Kings Canyon Road above Canyon Drive. With this proposed diversion of water above our property, it greatly reduces the need for a storm water drainage ditch along our property. Yesterday we discussed replacing the ditch with a rounded curb and gutter pan. This would minimize the impact to our property and trees as well as being more sensitive to bikers and pedestrians. This change is acceptable and more preferable to us as homeowners.

I hope these comments can be considered and given to both Public Works and Parks and Recreation/Open Space. Thank you for your time and patience with our concerns.

Sincerely,

Vicki S. Preston

May 28, 2020

Dear Sirs;

My husband and I have been residents at 3200 Kings Canyon Rd. for 18 years. Kings Canyon was a residential street when we moved in and unfortunately now seems to have become a speedway and the usage has greatly increased. These are some of the facts that have occurred to us regarding your existing and future plans for parking and trail access to the wildlands above us.

Fact 1: What we fear the most is fire in the Canyon. What you are doing is increasing the amount of parking resulting with more use of the back country without addressing the increased risk of fire.

A Kings Canyon Rd. is a dead end street with no way out in a fire. Loss of property and fortunately no loss of lives occurred in the Waterfall fire. We were lucky, only burned telephone poles and burned trees on our property.

B A second fire above us that burned our fence, and we were evacuated again.

Fact 2 There is no supervision of the parking area and no enforcement of said rules to protect landowners.

Fact 3. Accidents: These few that I have mentioned are the ones that have happened within our area. There are many more, you can check your incidence records..

A Car vs deer resulting in damage to car and death to deer, via deputy with gun.

B Pickup truck speeding lost control and crashed into brick fence and pear tree in our yard.

C Pickup truck over the bank next to our mailbox.

D Car rolled over the bank to the North just below our house.

E. Speeding car roll over at curves resulting in a death.

F. Car lost control at curves and spun into South bank below our house.

You should not have 40 - 50 mile an hour speeding on a narrow road with subsequent curves that encompass dog walkers, speeding bicycles, joggers, skateboarders, motorcycles, horses, deer, and speeding cars.

Again, what we fear most is fire. Hopefully you can find a solution that save lives and addresses the problems we have stated.

Residents of Kings Canyon; Garry and Jerry Vance

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- 3.) Upper approximate 0.75 mile section of Road should be resurfaced without widening beyond 24 feet or striping; thus maintaining an elevated level of driver caution and awareness of the multiple hazards including hikers, bicyclists, entering vehicles, game and slow/stopped sightseers.
- 4.) Trailhead be relocated 300-400 yards to the south along Forest Service road to alleviate resident distress caused by overuse of current site, and to allow for repair of ongoing slope side damage while simultaneously enhancing the visitor experience in traversing to the Creek.
- 5.) All roadside parking to be prohibited for 1000 feet before parking and road's end with signage and tow away zones providing for safer access and egress from the area in the event of emergencies.

These changes, if mandated in our FLAP Project, will enhance visitor enjoyment while not detracting from access together with prioritizing safety on the roadway, on the trails, in the forest, and for resident homes. They will save lives, and may also save our community and Federal government much needed funds for other projects.

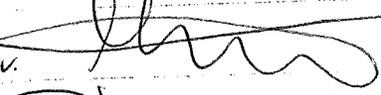
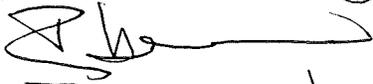
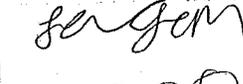
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1.	Chick Clemmensen	3925 Kings Cyn cc	
2.	Gree PETERSEN	1124 ORAIN Circle (Cov.)	
3.	Robert HERMUD	24 Canyon Dr	
4.	Bethany HERN	24 Canyon	
5.	Kathy Burtos	3 Canyon Dr	
6.	Ann Burtos	3 Canyon Dr.	
7.	Logan Kian Ke	824 SOMERSET ST 2751 Oak Ridge Dr CS	
8.	Teri L. Cunningham	89703	
9.	Jebby Moultrie	1499 Highland Pines Reno 89503	
10.	DARON MATHIAS		
11.	SAE PRATER	539 OXFORD CT CARSON CITY 89703	
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13.	BROOKE CLEMMENSEN	4567 Kathleen Deluse LN RENO 89703	

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1.	Vincent + Classon	PO Box No 95	[Signature]
2.	Misty Classon	Minden NV 89423	[Signature]
3.	Dan Foley	940 PO Lehigh Circle Carson City 89705	[Signature]
4.	Greg Wilson	4659 Voltaire St	[Signature]
5.	Joan Lopez	2109 S. Roop	[Signature]
6.	Andre Peltier	2220 EL RANCHO	[Signature]
7.	Dee Ferrara	2847 Fuller Ave Minden 89423	[Signature]
8.	Tammy Wilson	4659 Voltaire St C.C. NV 89705	[Signature]
9.	Danesh Guerrero	4158 Le-puon Dr	[Signature]
10.	[Signature]	4475 E. 5th	[Signature]
11.	Abel Medina	1501 E Robinson Street	[Signature]
12.	Adrienne Reinhardt	3207 Upland Ct	[Signature]
13.	Jack Reinhardt	Box 5102, So Lakeview 89441	[Signature]

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14.	Zachary Wilkey	170 Heide Cr.	<i>Zachary Wilkey</i>
15.	Amber Wilkey	170 Heide Cr.	<i>Amber Wilkey</i>
16.	Christine Housart	1225 E 5 th St	<i>Christine Housart</i>
17.	Melody Whitcome	2814 Crossridge	<i>Melody Whitcome</i>
18.	Julie A. Meadows	2804 Pinebrook, CC	<i>Julie A. Meadows</i>
19.	<i>R B U</i>	2804 PINEBROOK	<i>R B U</i>
20.	Jenn Meadows	2804 Pinebrook	<i>Jenn Meadows</i>
21.	Peggy Locke	48158 Supto TERT Carmel City, IN	<i>Peggy Locke</i>
22.	Marlene Gregore	4081 Kings Ln	<i>Marlene Gregore</i>
23.	Tom Fulwider	4249 KINGS CARMEL RD,	
24.	Zion Belcastro	305 Mountain St	<i>Zion Belcastro</i>
25.	Mackenzie Meza	1617 Spooner Dr.	<i>Mackenzie Meza</i>
26.	Laurie Sandwegger	4092 Kings Ln	<i>Laurie Sandwegger</i>
26.	Andrea Kamuta	630 East college Parkway	<i>Andrea Kamuta</i>
27.	Matt Doherty	630 E. College Parkway	<i>Matt Doherty</i>
28.	Phil Hersey	700 W. telegraph CC	
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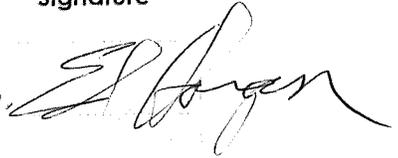
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2.	Pauline Smith	3030 Kings Canyon	P. Smith
3.	Deborah Thompson	3150 Kings Canyon	Deborah J. Thompson
4.	Patricia J. Sullivan	3150 Kings Canyon	Patricia J. Sullivan
5.	Ronald P. Thompson	3150 King Canyon Rd	Ronald P. Thompson
6.	Matthew A. Collier	3100 King Canyon Rd	Matthew A. Collier
7.	Cathie Collier	3100 Kings Canyon Rd	Cathie Collier
8.	CHRIS CROOKSHANKS	3090 KINGS CANYON RD.	Chris Crookshanks
9.	Chelise Crookshanks	3090 Kings Canyon Rd	Chelise Crookshanks
10.	MARIE MARTIN	3070 KINGS CANYON RD.	Marie Martin
11.	Rodger Thompson Rodger Thompson	3050 Kings Canyon	Rodger Thompson
12.	Debbie Thompson	3050 Kings Canyon	Debbie Thompson
13.	Patricia Horgan	3040 Kings Canyon	Patricia Horgan

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14.	Ed Horgan	3040 Kings Cyn.	
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2.	Matt + Suzanne Barulich	3637 Kings Canyon Rd	Matt + Suzanne Barulich
3.	Paul + Vanessa Alpers	25 Canyon Drive	Paul + Vanessa Alpers
4.	RON + TERESA MACEY	5 CANYON DR.	Teresa Macey
5.	Kurt Hodgson	11 Canyon Dr	Kurt Hodgson
6.	Chen Hoack	11 Canyon Dr.	Chen Hoack
7.	Robert Cordillo	11 CANYON DR	Robert Cordillo
8.	RICK DRAKE	10 CANYON DR	R. Drake
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2.	Jack Peckling	3601 Kings Canyon	[Signature]
3.	Sondra Amodei	1225 Drake Way	[Signature]
4.	RICHARD STARB STEVE HANDELIN	2425 S. Lompac Ln 1280 Copper Springs St.	[Signature]
5.	Hannel Rhodes	1509 Airport Rd	[Signature]
6.	Esmeralda Quire	2175 Airport Rd	[Signature]
7.	Caitlyn Campos	112 Empire Rd.	[Signature]
8.	Andy ROAAT	406 VAUKEY CIR	[Signature]
9.	Lindsay Handelin	1280 Copper Springs	[Signature]
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4.	Josh Willsey	4240 King's Canyon	Josh Willsey	5/31/20
5.	Anabelle Hennrichsen	4120 Kings Canyon		5/31/20
6.	Chris Mackenzie	4130 Kings Canyon Rd		
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8.	Peter Schmalzer	4134 Kings Canyon Rd		5/31/20
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3.	BRENT RE	1664 Robb Drive Carson City NV 89703	
4.	CHRISTIAN ANDERSON	PO Box 2554 Carson City NV 89702	<i>Christian Anderson</i>
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6.	BELLA RE	PO Box 2554 Carson City NV 89702	
7.	LINDA FOX	1650 Robb Dr CC 89703	<i>Linda Fox</i>
8.	Neil Fox	1650 Robb Dr. CC 89703	<i>Neil Fox</i>
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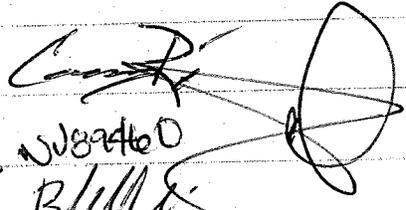
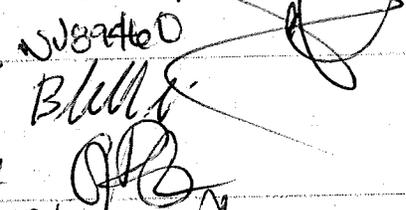
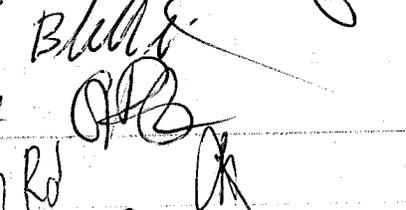
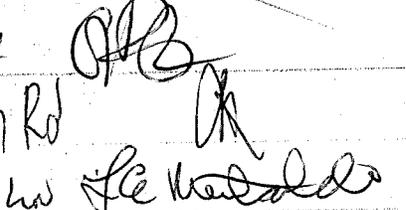
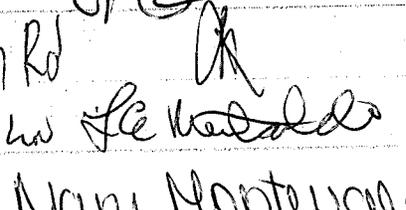
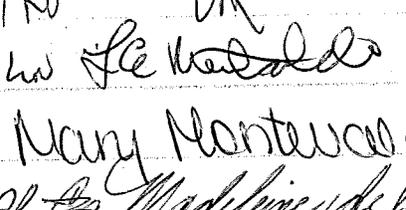
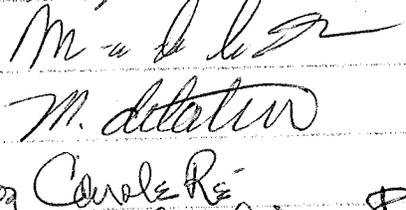
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2.	Nadia Espaza	70. Exp 6354 Circle	
3.	Blake Ré	4198 Kings Canyon	
4.	Genesis Bolanos	2421 peakwood	
5.	Austin Ré	4198 Kings Canyon Rd	
6.	Mary Montevardo	3505 Hobbes Horse Ln	
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8.	Madeline de la Torre	1205 Potomac Pl.	Madeline de la Torre
9.	Mark A. de la Torre	1250 Chaparral Dr.	
10.	Melissa de la Torre	1250 Chaparral Dr. Carson City, NV	M. de la Torre
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- 3.) Upper approximate 0.75 mile section of Road should be resurfaced without widening beyond 24 feet or striping; thus maintaining an elevated level of driver caution and awareness of the multiple hazards including hikers, bicyclists, entering vehicles, game and slow/stopped sightseers.
- 4.) Trailhead be relocated 300-400 yards to the south along Forest Service road to alleviate resident distress caused by overuse of current site, and to allow for repair of ongoing slope side damage while simultaneously enhancing the visitor experience in traversing to the Creek.
- 5.) All roadside parking to be prohibited for 1000 feet before parking and road's end with signage and tow away zones providing for safer access and egress from the area in the event of emergencies.

These changes, if mandated in our FLAP Project, will enhance visitor enjoyment while not detracting from access together with prioritizing safety on the roadway, on the trails, in the forest, and for resident homes. They will save lives, and may also save our community and Federal government much needed funds for other projects.

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4.	Kat Morton	4941 San Diego Ct. Sparks, NV 89436	Kat Morton
5.	Ellen Wilson	11 Vista Rafael Parkway Reno, NV 89503	Ellen Wilson
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7.	Paul Herstein	377 Carlisle Ct Carson City NV 89703	Paul Herstein
8.	Carolee Berglan	2615 Waterford Pl. C.C., NV, 89703	Carolee Berglan
9.	Paulette Sherrell	3551 Mont Blanc Carson City, NV 89705	Paulette Sherrell
10.	Charlene Rodman	1096 Bonanza LC NV 89701	Charlene Rodman
11.	Sarah Ravenelle	1255 Janas Way Carson City, NV	Sarah Ravenelle
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