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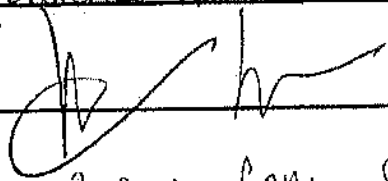
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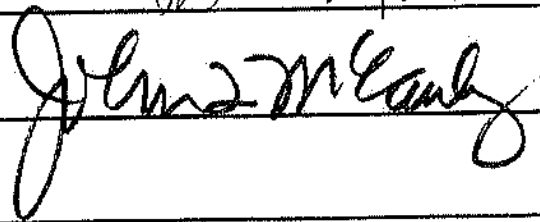
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Heidi McCauley —

Subject: Paradise Valley Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan---Hummingbird Lane

To the Town Council:

We built our home at 6710 East Hummingbird Lane 45 years ago. Walking Hummingbird has been one of our favorite activities . . . until the last few years when traffic (car, truck, bike and pedestrian) increased to the point that conflicts were common and hazardous.

We have observed that this traffic, this conflict, is due to:

1. Construction activity (suppliers and craftspeople) causing . . .
 - a. Many more trips per day on the street often with increased speed
 - b. Congestion and decreased visibility where vehicles are parked on the roadway.
2. Landscape maintenance trucks and trailers parked and using the roadway
3. Bicycling use and popularity with this route . . .
 - a. Inability of bikers to change their path of travel suddenly due to, for instance, the misstep of a pedestrian
 - b. Not stopping for stop signs and often exceeding the speed limit.
4. Walkers and runners . . .
 - a. More visitors walk Hummingbird Lane due to proximity to their hotels
 - b. Groups of 4 or more walk side-by-side, oblivious to traffic
 - c. While most people walk facing traffic (left side), anticipating conflict . . . cars from both directions meet pedestrians at dangerous points where opposite-parked vehicles or intersection-traffic occurs
 - d. Some walkers do not respond quickly to a threat due to sun in their eyes, perhaps; most shelter behind parked vehicles
 - e. This traffic mix is always changing—it is unpredictable and dangerous.

In conclusion:

1. Neither construction of bike lanes on the Hummingbird Lane roadway nor pedestrian paths in the right of way will solve the issues noted above.
2. Do not designate Hummingbird Lane a bike route.
3. A requirement that construction parking and landscape maintenance vehicles be accommodated *on the building or home site* would solve many conflicts.
4. Increased law enforcement presence, education, understanding, and courtesy by all users may be the best solution.

Many thanks for your involvement and consideration of this matter.

Jim & Karla Elling

From: Susan Hermann szhermann@mac.com
Subject: bicycles

Date: Mar 20, 2017, 10:16:51 AM

To: heididenton@msn.com,
carleyaz@yahoo.com

Hello. Someone came by our house yesterday afternoon while I was gone (the house with the barking black dog), and left a flyer about bicycles in the neighborhood. I am not able to attend the meeting tomorrow night, but wanted to share my feelings / thoughts. While I do believe that bicycles should be able to use our streets in general, I do have issue with the fact that they use our street (Hummingbird Ln in particular), and don't seem to have to observe the rules that car drivers do, such as speed, stop signs, etc. It also frustrates me that when they are riding in groups - 2 to 10+ - they don't restrict themselves to the bike lane, if there is one, and ride out in the car lane. I'm talking specifically about N/S on Mockingbird Ln north of Lincoln Drive. I'm happy to have you share this email with the Town of PV. I will be interested in knowing the outcome of the meeting.

Thank you,

Susan Hermann
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602-460-9138

Paul Michaud

From: Eva Cutro
Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 6:13 PM
To: Paul Michaud
Subject: Fwd: Petition for a safe crossing at Tatum and Mountain View

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Council Member Julie Pace <jpace@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Date: July 22, 2017 at 9:50:41 AM MST
To: Shawna Glazier <Shawna@bespokephx.com>
Subject: Re: Petition for a safe crossing at Tatum and Mountain View

Shawna, I am so sorry to hear about your husband's accident. Our thoughts are with you through this difficult time. Please be well and safe travels to return to the Valley. Truly sorry

Excuse errors from gliding.
Julie Pace 602.322.4046

On Jul 19, 2017, at 2:53 PM, Shawna Glazier <Shawna@bespokephx.com> wrote:

Thank you for your response Council woman,
I had a meeting scheduled for this past Monday to further discuss this intersection with Council woman Stark from Phoenix's district 3, Paul from PV city planning and numerous other Phx city planners and streets and transportations members, but unfortunately on Sunday my Husband had a cycling accident and broke his neck in CO. I was on an emergency flight to be by his side and the Monday morning meeting was cancelled. We will be rescheduling as soon as possible and I will keep PV in the loop.
I think it is essential to have both cities working together to solve this dangerous situation on Tatum.

Thank you,
Shawna Glazier
480-221-9932

On Jul 18, 2017, at 4:19 AM, Council Member Julie Pace <jpace@paradisevalleyaz.gov> wrote:

Thank you Shawna for your comments and concern with safety. Awareness is very helpful about this issue. Thanks for your participation in the process.

Julie Pace
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On Jun 22, 2017, at 11:43 AM, Shawna Glazier
<Shawna@bespokephx.com<<mailto:Shawna@bespokephx.com>>> wrote:

Mayor, Congressmen and Congress woman,

Please see attached petition efforts in an attempt to get a safe crossing on Tatum at Mountain View.

I've been working closely with the city of Phx on this issue as well. They're currently analyzing what measures can be done. Last week I spent over an hour on the corner of Tatum and Mt View with the Phx Bicycle coordinator, Joseph Perez, so he could witness the real issue first hand. He saw dozens of cyclist dart across 5lanes of traffic risking their lives because there is no other safe option for us.

Will one of you join me for a ride and see the danger for yourselves?

At a minimum please read the comment on this petition. This is a real issue!

Thank you for your time. See you tonight at the Town Council meeting.

Shawna

https://www.change.org/p/joseph-perez-create-a-safe-crossing-for-cyclists-pedestrians-at-tatum-between-shea-doubletree?recruiter=637114673&utm_source=petitions_show_components_acti on_panel_wrapper&utm_medium=copylink

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Joseph Perez : Create a safe crossing for cyclists & pedestrians at Tatum between Shea & Doubletree<https://www.change.org/p/joseph-perez-create-a-safe-crossing-for-cyclists-pedestrians-at-tatum-between-shea-doubletree?recruiter=637114673&utm_source=petitions_show_components_acti on_panel_wrapper&utm_medium=copylink>

www.change.org<<http://www.change.org>>

Every morning dozens of cyclists and joggers cross the 5 lanes of Tatum at Mountain View or Fanfol to connect the neighborhoods of Phoenix to the roads of Paradise Valley, Scottsdale and back. To often both cyclists and drivers are put at risk because of the lack of traffic infrastructure. We propose...

kind regards,
Shawna Glazier
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designated broker/owner
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Paul Michaud

From: Heidi Denton <heidildenton@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 7:04 PM
To: John McCauley
Cc: Kevin Albert; Mayor Michael Collins; Council Member Mark Stanton; Council Member Julie Pace; Council Member David Sherf; Council Member Paul Dembow; Council Member Scott Moore; PD Command Staff; Steven McGhee; Paul Michaud
Subject: Re: Cyclist Tailgating and Littering along Hummingbird Lane
Attachments: Letters and petitions regarding Hummingbird Lane.pdf

Hi John,

Regarding the dangerous situations with bikers speeding and running stops signs on Hummingbird Lane, my neighbor (Carly Welch) and I walked up and down Hummingbird Lane from Mockingbird to Quartz Mountain a month or so ago and spoke with those neighbors that were home. Attached are signatures of all those that we spoke to who indicated they too have experienced dangerous situations with bicyclists routinely, some on a daily basis. The Guest's, on the corner of Quartz Mtn and Hummingbird indicated its life and death every time they pull out of their drive way. Included with the signatures is a letter from a concerned letter too.

Thanks,

Heidi

On Jul 19, 2017, at 2:22 PM, John McCauley <johnmccauley8@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks Kevin.

I do appreciate the information and the efforts. I did forward to Paul and he did respond as well and thank you for including others from the Town so they are in the loop as well.

It is a bit interesting that the deployments do not catch the same issues that I and many living in the area experience on a daily basis. The research and numbers would suggest that there is not any real issue. I have video showing what we witness.

I thank you for the information on the upcoming meetings and will be in attendance.

I have been to several of the meetings to date and have been vocal about the ongoing issues along Hummingbird related to cyclists because they are typically (and daily) the violators along this narrow (16' wide in places), winding section of mountainside road. Their speeds most times are not reasonable and or prudent based on the conditions that exist all along this roadway. They are the number one daily threat to the safety of pedestrians and neighbors along this section of roadway. Cyclists do not want to use their brakes or to stop, too dangerous, so they speed and won't stop if they don't have too, it causes instability on two thin wheels.

I would encourage an officer or two, in plain clothes, to be a pedestrian or runner along this route from 6:00-7:00 am for a week (without alerting the cyclists), and see what they experience. I, my wife and

others in the neighborhood have experienced the speed and recklessness, along with the chastising the cyclists cast should you ask them to slow down or stop at stop signs.

I will share the Dispatch number with the neighbors.

Thank you again,

John McCauley

From: Kevin Albert [<mailto:KAlbert@paradisevalleyaz.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:20 AM
To: John McCauley <johnmccauley8@gmail.com>
Cc: Mayor Michael Collins <mcollins@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Mark Stanton <mstanton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Julie Pace <jp pace@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member David Sherf <dsherf@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Heidi McCauley <heidildenton@msn.com>; Council Member Paul Dembow <pdembow@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Scott Moore <smoore@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; PD Command Staff <PDCommandStaff@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Steven McGhee <smcghee@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Paul Michaud <pmichaud@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Subject: RE: Cyclist Tailgating and Littering along Hummingbird Lane

Good morning Mr. McCauley,

I greatly appreciate your email and details on this issue. I had to do some research before replying to you. Here are some numbers, since January 1st:

- Officer deployments: 54
- Traffic stops: 14 (I was a group of approximately 50 bicyclists)
- Citations written: 5
- Written warnings: 6
- Officer comments on the deployments:
 - No violations, no speeding
 - 2 bikes, both stopped
 - Bike detail – about 50 bikes and all stopped
 - No violations observed
 - Slow traffic, cyclists stopping at sign
 - Very little traffic, no violations
 - Little traffic, no violations observed
 - Slow bike traffic and cyclists did stop at sign

We do encourage residents to call our dispatch center (480-948-7410) when they see any type of violation. You may also ask to speak with a supervisor to discuss the issues or even share some ideas. Patrol officers have been asked to spend as much time as possible in the area looking for violators and will keep doing so. With the addition of the police motorcycle, we are trying to deploy the motor officer in that area as much as possible as well, especially in those peak bicycle riding times.

As far as littering and tailgating, I have not heard of any other complaints about those issues but they have also been passed on to the officers.

We have an upcoming staff meeting that we will be discussing this specific issue, amongst other topics. I know the staff is working on additional resolutions to this issue and hopefully we will be able to crackdown on all traffic violators in the area. I can discuss with you the outcome of our staff meeting and resolutions with you as well.

Lastly, the Town is working on a pedestrian/bike master plan and is looking for resident involvement. Senior planner Paul Michaud heads the project and would love to hear from you if you are interested in sharing your thoughts. His direct number is 480-348-3574 and his email address is pmichaud@paradisevalleyaz.gov

Please don't hesitate to contact me at any point.

Kevin

Kevin Albert

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My normal duty hours are Tuesday – Friday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. If you are trying to reach a Public Information Officer (PIO) outside of those hours please contact dispatch at 480-948-7410. You may ask for the on duty supervisor for non-critical incident related PIO requests. A PIO will respond to all critical incidents.

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From: John McCauley [<mailto:johnmccauley8@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:39 AM
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Subject: Cyclist Tailgating and Littering along Hummingbird Lane

Officer Albert,

I am pretty sure what I am going to report is typical news to you, especially this section of roadway in Paradise Valley. It is a real public safety issue though.....

I would like to report a public safety concern related to cyclists along Hummingbird Lane.

Today around 7:30 am, I witnessed one cyclist blow through the stop sign at Hummingbird Lane and Quartz Mountain, then tailgate a White vehicle behind me down most of the road, through a signed

construction zone restricted down to one lane by barricades, and then watched him throw trash onto a property along Hummingbird Lane.

When I stopped at Hummingbird and Mockingbird, I got out and ask the cyclist to go back and pick up his trash. He boldly said it was biodegradable and told me to F--- Off and then rode off. His four or five buddies behind him were not much better, sharing their disgust as though it is rude for anyone to have an issue with a cyclist.

This is very typical cyclist behavior along this stretch of roadway in the Town of Paradise Valley. It is only a matter of time before there is yet another incident (there have been many) where a cyclist crashes, crashes into a vehicle or another cyclist. The worse kind of incident, and one that I and many other residents living around and along Hummingbird Lane fear, is one with a cyclist and a pedestrian, a neighbor. The cyclists behavior and disregard for any sort of consideration for others will, I believe, lead to such an incident.

I have video of unsafe speeding, stop sign blowing and mouthing off to pedestrians to share if that would be helpful.

I am asking the Police Department to use similar tactics used by any Good Fisherman wanting to be successful at catching fish. Go to where the fish are, during their feeding hours, being sure to stay out of their view as they are cunning opponent, and cast where they are feeding. The cyclists, like fish feeding, are predictable in their route, their cycling hours, their (mis)behavior and their cunning.

I understand and appreciate the staging of the Police Vehicle at the intersection of Hummingbird and Quartz Mountain from time to time (cyclists share if it is staged verses manned), but that is not the only location along the Hummingbird route that the cyclists speed and do other unsafe maneuvers. Even the new PV motorcycle is only present for an hour or so on the major cycling days (Tues & Thurs), while cyclists use this route every day of the week, not just the "peloton" groups (Tues & Thurs). This needs to be more of an active patrol, wanting to deter/catch violators along the entire stretch of roadway every day. We as a neighborhood are out there every day.....

As CRO I would like to see what additional measures, beyond what are currently in place, can be used during the hours of 5am to 8am (later on weekends say 10am) to provide added measures of protection for the residents living along, exercising along, dog walking along and commuting along Hummingbird Lane to curb the speeding, stop sign blowing, tailgating, and as witnessed today around 7:30 am, littering along this stretch of roadway in Paradise Valley.

As a resident who lives on Quartz Mountain Rd, the cyclists seem to be more vigilant at violating safe and considerate speeds along the entire stretch of roadway, blowing through stop signs, speeding around blind corners and generally harassing anyone who is in any way contrary to what they are doing (touting their mantra "they have the same rights as vehicles"). They seem to be more vigilant at this behavior than what the Town Police Department is able to provide for the safety of it's residents.

The cyclists' own words to anyone contrary to their actions along Hummingbird Lane, "why are we taking the police away from their other duties that are more important". Again, cyclists believe they get to determine what the police should be and should not be doing.

Thanks for your time and you are welcome to call me any time,

John McCauley
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July 17, 2017

Paradise Valley Planning Commission

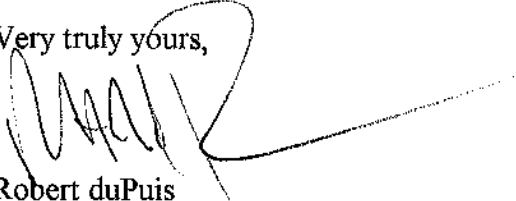
RE: Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

At the Paradise Valley Veteran's Car Show last November, I saw a Master Plan of the newly proposed bike routes. I have also been following articles in the Independent, which has articles discussing the progress of the plan. As a relatively new resident of Paradise Valley (moving from Illinois 4 years ago), I am definitely supportive of such a plan, and its benefit to the community. However, I do have some concerns.

I am assuming that in Arizona, as in Illinois, bicyclists are bound to the Rules of the Road, the same as motor vehicles. However, since moving out here and observing the large number of cyclists, I see that these rules including yielding, signaling or even stopping at stop signs or lights, is frequently ignored by the cyclists. At the intersection of Double Tree Ranch and Invergordon, I rarely if ever see cyclists obey the stop signs, and yet, I never see them stopped by the police. This is a serious or fatal accident just waiting to happen. Indeed, if we are choosing to make our community more cyclist-friendly, then we need to provide safety and Rules of the Road training, or perhaps licensing of cyclists, so that we do not put our residents in jeopardy. The freedom provided with designated biking paths comes with responsibility, both for cyclists and drivers of motor vehicles.

Very truly yours,



Robert duPuis