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I utilize the roads that will be affected by this quarry on a weekly basis, for road cycling. As a serious cyclist, and highly fit endurance athlete, this area is one of the most wonderful to train and ride in. I am 50 years old and have been living in this area for nearly 20 years. I am raising my daughter here. I am greatly concerned that this quarry activity will put at risk my life and my daughters future. There are little to no shoulders on many of the roads in the area. The addition of so many large trucks means the likelihood of a truck passing a cyclist at the same time as oncoming traffic is in the vicinity is virtually guaranteed.

I have an engineering background and understand that quarries are a necessity of modern society (and ancient society for that matter.) With proper mitigation the quarry could be safely created. Class I or perhaps Class II bike lanes would be the obvious answer. I ride myself or with groups at speeds generally 20 -30+ mph. A scenic, winding, kids and family bike path will not be acceptable. Not only is there no demand for that in this remote area, it is not safe for us to ride on that kind of trail. An example that might work is the wide shoulder on Hwy 46 west of Paso Robles; however, better traffic separation would be nice.

If the quarry is worth building, it is worth building safely. I'm sure there are other issues to determine that, but you must include the cost of creating a safe path for the other people who live, work and use this area.

Thank you.

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Chris Crescioli