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To all concerned parties:

In Re: Quarry on Highway 58

I travel Highway 58 twice a day to and from work. This morning I traveled behind a bus, full size 40 to 45 feet long, white, Nevada plates with Grand Canyon Skyway markings on the side. I imagine the poor driver had taken a "short cut" which had become the "scenic route". He drove very carefully, attempting to stay in his own lane. Approaching the entrance to the proposed Quarry, he had momentum, however was rapidly forced to downshift and crawled up the hill west of the quarry entrance at 20 to 25 miles per hour. Despite his care, he crossed the double yellow line three times between the quarry and Pozo Road, with both left rear wheels over the center line on the 30 mile per hour curve. In addition, twice he drove on the center line to avoid overhead obstacles, tree branches. Between the intersection with Pozo Road and Estrada he was forced to cross the double yellow line twice, slowing to under 10 miles per hour at the 15 mile per hour corner, and still nearly planting his right rear wheel in the culvert.

Why would the applicants even be thinking of routing 72 foot long truck and trailers over a road that is clearly marked in Santa Margarita at the railroad tracks as not advisable for trucks, trailers?? It may be an allowable use for the zoning, but the highway is certainly not suitable at this time. When the highway is three or four lanes, with turn lanes and slow lanes, OK – definitely a future possibility, but certainly not prudent or safe at this time. It sounds like lawsuit time to me when the first tractor-trailer crosses the centerline and takes out another vehicle. These truckers are all on timed runs – they are not going to drive cautiously and carefully as the bus driver did today.

Specific Concerns for Mitigation:

- Limited sight distance from last mogul westbound on Hwy 58 to where trucks will enter the highway
- Westbound merge lane needed for trucks entering highway.
- Westbound slow lane needed nearly to Digger Pine as all up hill pull slowing trucks to under 20 mph. This would entail widening the bridge at the Salinas River.
- Eastbound turning lane needed that will accommodate at least two trucks if 200 trips (400 one way trips) are going to be allowed each day
- Lack of shoulder and/or lane width to accommodate 72 foot truck and trailer units and their turning radius on Hwy 58. The highway will need to be widened at these points.
- Inadequate clear space at stop sign north of the railroad tracks. It is clearly posted that there is only 50 feet between the tracks and the highway. Every trip will see a truck sitting on the tracks before making a left or right turn onto "G" Street/Hwy 58 in Santa Margarita.

Thank you for your attention and the opportunity to voice my opinions on this project.

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