

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Hank Weston
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 8:04 PM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Subject: Fw: Proposed Caltrans project to widen Highway 174

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From: Brian Steber <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 4:25 PM
To: Heidi Hall; Ed Scofield; Dan Miller; Hank Weston; Richard Anderson
Subject: Proposed Caltrans project to widen Highway 174

Dear Nevada County Supervisors,

I am writing to state that I bought a home on Hwy 174 last year and I am extremely opposed to the proposed Caltrans project to cut down over 1000 trees and widen Hwy 174. I would appreciate anything you can do to stop the project.

Sincerely,

Brian Steber MD

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SAVE HWY 174

GRASS VALLEY, CA

August 21, 2017

Mr. Larry Jostes, Chairman
Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC)
101 Providence Mine Road
Nevada City, CA 95959

SUBJECT: Request for Placement of State Highway 174 Project on September 20, 2017 Agenda

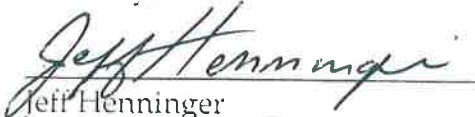
Dear Chairman Jostes:

The intent of this letter is to request the placement of an item on the September 20, 2017 agenda of the Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) regarding the State Highway 174 Realignment Project (ID #0314000152). Our organization, Preserve Highway 174, consists of affected property owners, residents and citizens of Nevada County. We wish the opportunity to present and discuss our goals, concerns and design suggestions about this Caltrans project with NCTC.

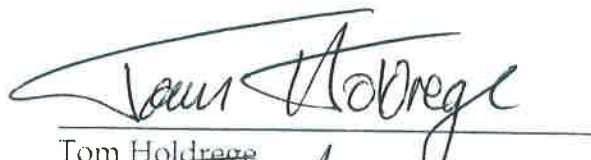
State Highway 174, or the Colfax Highway, is recognized as one of the most scenic and historically rich highways in the Sierra Foothills. We are concerned with the widening and realignment project proposed by Caltrans for a 2-mile portion of Highway 174. We support reasonable safety improvements to the roadway, but the amount / degree of change and alteration proposed by Caltrans is excessive and results in unnecessary tree removal and habitat loss, potentially higher traffic speeds, a reduction of visual, aesthetic and property values of neighborhood, and negatively impacts the local residences.

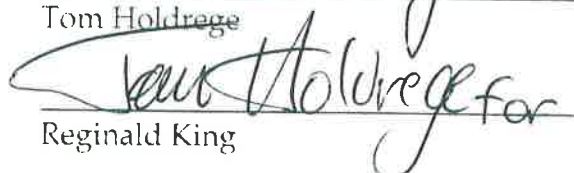
As the mission of NCTC is to "...propose solutions and assist in implementing projects to create a balanced regional transportation system, while protecting the rural qualities and historic character of Nevada County", we simply seek a moment of your time to discuss our situation and gain your guidance as we move forward. Our organization, as attested by the signatures of our Committee members, looks forward to your response on our request.

Sincerely,


Jeff Henninger


Joe Heckel


Tom Holdrege


Reginald King

cc: Dan Landon, Executive Director, NCTC
Ms. Heidi Hall, District 3 Supervisor

Board Members, NCTC
Tom Brannon, Caltrans, District 3

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From: Diane Thayer [dianethayer@outlook.com]
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 4:10 PM
To: bdofsupervisors
Subject: Highway 174

Highway 174 is a beautiful scenic highway leading in and out of Nevada County. There is no need to straighten it thus allowing for increased speeds. Don't let it be made into another Highway 49!

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:11 PM
To: bdofsupervisors
Subject: Halting the Widening of Highway 174

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I live off 174, and have had a difficult time exiting Chattering Pines onto 174. Also, turning left as I drive away from town. When I slow to make the left, often someone will pass me either on the right shoulder or pass on my left. There is a broken yellow line by my road which gives the only passing area. The speeders will even pass two cars at a time, not seeing that my turn indicator is on. The reason for mentioning this is to show the existing problem of speeding on 174. The widening and straightening of this Highway will only serve to enable drivers to increase their speed.

If the road is straightened and widened, in these areas, it will become more dangerous to get in and out of driveways and side streets.

Caltrans has said that this project is for safety of drivers of this roadway. They are basing it on accidents that happened over a 5 year period. No data has been looked into regarding speeding or possible intoxication.

I questioned whether having patrol cars crack down on speeders and providing the police presence, that would deter speeding in the first place, would be helpful. I was told by Caltrans that, unless they widened the roadway, there is no safe place to pull over speeders!

This widening off the Highway sounds like casting an injury of the knee when a bandaid is required.

I hope you all will be able to assist in the fight to STOP the widening of our beautiful and scenic roadway.

Sincerely,
Liz and Michael Jurado

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