

December 11, 2006

Oregon Department of Transportation

Attention: Debbie Timms

Re: Fern Valley Interchange  
Citizen & Business support for the City of Phoenix

Debbie

Wanted to share some information with you regarding the email the City sent to ODOT and read at the CAC meeting on Dec 6th.

The City of Phoenix held a workshop with citizens & business owners on Thurs, Nov 30 to address the west side of the FVI. At that meeting the City Council endorsed having the freeway traffic flow into the City on Fern Valley Rd, with minimal impact on HW99 at the intersection. The email the City sent to ODOT, a copy of which is attached here, asked ODOT to model this & let the City know what the numbers would be.

This email from the City is **one voice** of the City, all City Council members, the Mayor, most of the businesses in Phoenix & the citizens, those who have voiced support & signed petitions. ODOT has previously asked the City to take a position, this is the position of the City with citizen & business support.

At the first ODOT bike/ped meeting on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, ODOT was asked "if the City is willing to accept the peak hour congestion as long as it doesn't back up on the freeway if that would be a problem." ODOT'S response, "**ODOT does not want the freeway to be impacted by issues on HW99, as long as the ques do not back up onto the freeway it would be acceptable.**" The possibility of the City assuming jurisdiction of HW99 from Fern Valley Rd to 5<sup>th</sup> St was brought up. ODOT said there are many issues to look at regarding jurisdiction, but it is something that should be discussed. ODOT'S response regarding jurisdiction was "ODOT does not want the City to take control of the system when they still own both sides of that system and it would somehow impact a higher facility. It is not like the City just takes the jurisdiction, there is a lot to it, cost & maintenance for the City, **it is a great idea and we need to discuss it further.**"

Taking jurisdiction of HW99 from Fern Valley Rd to 5<sup>th</sup> St is an issue that we are discussing further. The City has a workshop date set for Dec 20 to discuss this jurisdiction issue. The City already will assume jurisdiction of HW99 from 5<sup>th</sup> St to Oak St. Adding the rest of HW99 to Fern Valley Rd would give the City control to maintain our livability & keep intact our downtown & business district.

Our City Councilor, Lee Carrau, has stated  
“I think that the City of Phoenix should assume the responsibility for HW99 and work with ODOT to ensure that the route is kept virtually as it is.” “We are already going to assume the care of the Bear Creek Couplet, so, if we become responsible for that portion of 99 which goes through Phoenix, we can then work out a separate plan with ODOT which does not threaten either our businesses or the other imponderable but very real issue of livability.”

**We feel it is important that ODOT know the City, the citizens & most of the businesses stand together as one voice to keep the livability of our City & maintain HW99 as close as possible to the existing width with modifications at the intersection.**

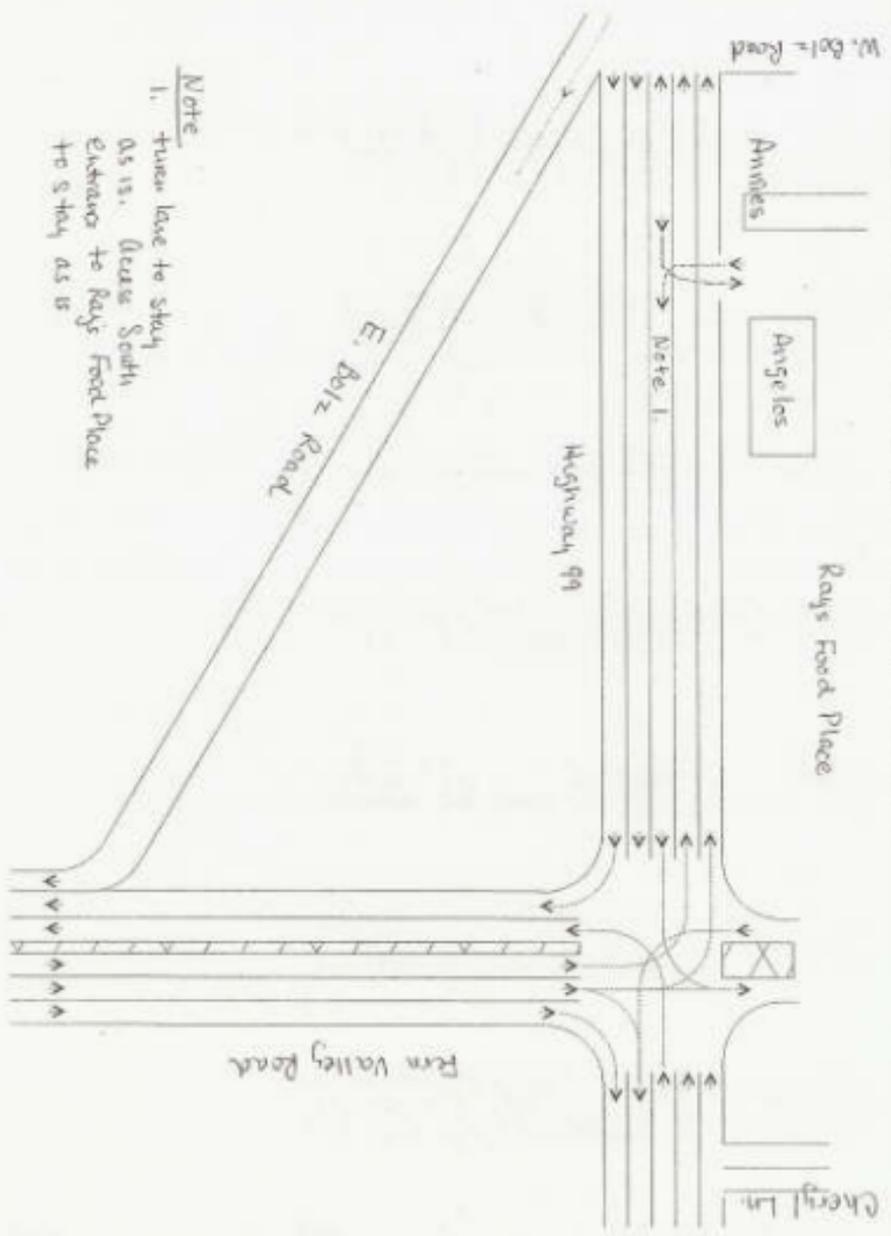
Thank you,

Stan & Carolyn Bartell

Phoenix Automotive Center - Stan & Carolyn Bartell  
Annie's Café – Annie King  
Pacific Plaza – Terry Rombach  
Phoenix Pharmacy – Mike Hooper  
Commercial Sign – Chris & Heidi Henry  
GID-DE-UP – April Fenton  
Scrappy Craft – Delila Barnett  
Phoenix Motel – Bob & Sandy  
Bavarian Inn Motel – David Boynton

Don & Eunice Mitchell  
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Jerry Jarvis-Jarvis Village  
Dan & Susan Marquess

**(Some names of those who have businesses and/or property on HW99, between Fern Valley Rd & 5<sup>th</sup> St, & are supportive of the City's email are listed above. Many other citizens' & business owners' names are listed on petitions currently being circulated in the City. These petitions will be presented to the City & ODOT at a later date.)**



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