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Subject: Dust Abatement

Dear County Commissioners:

First of all, we'd like to let you know how glad we are to have the county dust abatement program back this year. With two dozen residences that are currently accessed off of Alvista Loop, traffic on the road has increased greatly since we moved into our house in 1977. At that time there were a total of 4 residences. The magnesium chloride program, which we have participated in for our 600 ft. of road frontage each year the program has been available, has significantly reduced road dust and washboarding on the stretches that have been treated, especially when they have received treatment more than once.

This year many of the users of the road, even many of those who do not personally own road frontage, banded together to collect enough money to have 6162 ft. of the loop (from the northwest corner down to the bottom of the south leg) treated. The neighborhood raised \$3520, which is actually more than is needed to do the 6162 foot stretch. Our request is to apply the extra amount to the north leg of the loop, as far as it will go. It is clear from the participation in this effort that users clearly see the benefit to their lungs and their vehicles of the reduced dust and stabilized road surface that results from the application of magnesium chloride.

This message is not only to thank you for reinstating the program, but also to request that the county consider treating the entire north leg of the loop. The county did so in 2011 and 2012 due to the maintenance benefits of treating that portion. Because of the almost total washout the road experienced during the melt-off of 2014 and the subsequent rebuilding of the road, any residual benefits of the previously applied magnesium chloride have largely vanished. We believe it would not only benefit users of Alvista Loop to have the north leg treated this year, but would also make sense from an efficiency of maintenance standpoint for the county. Treatment would stabilize the new road surface and would also mean that the county would not have to bring in equipment repeatedly during the summer months to grade the only portion of the road (.5 miles) that will not be treated through the efforts of the neighbors.

We hope you will consider this request.

Tonia and Marshall Bloom

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