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RE: Scholls Ferry Road Concept Plan

The Board of Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. strongly supports the draft Concept Plan for making Scholls Ferry Road a safer roadway for bicyclists, pedestrians and motor vehicles.

The current conditions along this narrow, hilly, windy road are unsafe for all modes of travel, yet we have seen many more people using this roadway traveling to or through our neighborhoods. Many citizens in our neighborhoods have participated in the community advisory committee and open houses and been actively involved in the proposed design. The draft Concept Plan is a creative solution to a difficult challenge, rebalancing the right-of-way to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists and motor vehicles in an area that has no alternative routes.

The proposed concept plan is urgently needed, and we urge you to support its adoption, along with the funding needed to build it.

Sincerely,

Brian Russell
President
Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.