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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Bike trail

Comments

Please use one of the other alternatives and not the one that goes directly thru The Vines. As much as I like the idea of a bike trail, but to go thru a gated community is night right. Please find another way

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

Dear Council Members:

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Our community, The Vines, a private gated community would have Rails to Trails proposal literally running directly through it. As a point of interest, the design map for the project does not even show the existence of The Vines. It does, however, show the gated community of Belle Lago, which is adjacent to The Vines, but is not directly affected by Rails to Trails.

I feel that the MPO by recommending the current proposal not only destroys the integrity of a single community, of over 500 families, but sets a broader precedent which would make possible other projects, similar or otherwise, easier to poach through

other private developments. Such developments have been a basis for the enormous growth of SWFL.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Respectfully,

Todd Wilson

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Rails to Trails

Comments

I STRONGLY OPPOSE any attempt to turn the railway right of way running through THE VINES. Not only is it a matter of noise, convenience, etc., but one of SECURITY! Just this past weekend, one of my neighbors had to chase off the golf course and neighboring areas a couple of people on motorcycles that had entered the area via the railway.

In our present violent times, we MUST do everything we can to keep if not enhance the security of our property and persons! Plans 1 and @ will do nothing to keep us and our loved ones safe and secure. It will only expose us to further trespassing and incursions.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rail to Trail

Comments

Dear Counsil Member

As a resident of The Village of Estero I would like to express my support, with one caveat, for the proposed Rails to Trails project that is before you. It is my understanding the trail/bike path is projected to be 14 miles long from North Naples to Alico Road in Ft. Myers on the existing rail line. The last two miles bisect the gated community of The Vines and the Estero Country Club. For security, traffic safety and environmental concerns, I would ask you to consider either making the trail 12 miles long and ending at Estero Parkway or find an alternate route that could go around this parcel so not to adversely affect the property values within The Vines community and the experience of members at the Estero Country Club. I'm looking forward to having a beautiful linear park for all to enjoy, but please keep in mind having the trail go through a private gated community and golf course will negatively affect the quality of life for many families in the Estero Community.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Respectfully, John Mark Koshliek 8603 Fairway Bend Dr Estero

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

1. Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Rail Trail Feasibility Study Update

Comments

EngagedEstero (Formally ECCL) Safety and Connectivity Committee along with the Executive leadership team feel that this resolution takes the right direction in developing a strategy supporting the long term trail development in SWFL.

"Motion to support the MPO efforts to purchase the Rail Trail corridor subject to a reasonable price."

We acknowledge that there are some challenges in executing this strategy, but this is a first step in endorsing the economic and health related benefits and values that a connected trail will have in both Lee and Collier counties and across all of the communities in SWFL.

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Rails to Trails

Comments

While I am all in favor of the concept of additional walking and bike trails in our area I believe that cutting right through a private community/ golf course is not a good idea. There are many safety concerns for people in the community. There would be nothing stopping people from walking onto the golf course and into the yards of private homes. There were other options discussed which did not go right through the vines and I believe that should be the way the project moves forward. Thank you for reading this and hopefully we come to a solution that works for everyone

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Rails to trails

Comments

The idea to put a public walk/bike trail through a private community is beyond me. Of course people that don't live there don't care, but you should. It will divide our community, ruin a golf course(safely issues) and quite frankly few will use the trail, if we are honest and frank we all know the cost doesn't justify the limited use that will actually happen. Even the "bike" people say they won't use it but for some reason want it. Please do not ruin our community.

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Proposed Rails to Trails Initiative

Comments

Even though the Rails to Trails Initiative theoretically is a good idea, one must take reality into consideration. To cut right through the middle of a gated community is not a realistic idea. It's my understanding that by lessening this initiative by 3 miles, you could avoid dissecting our community at all. The danger factor is too numerous to mention. I am totally opposed to the thought of putting this trail dissecting our community.

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Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Respectfully, Debbie Beulke The Vines Community 8450 Southbridge Dr, #3 Estero

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The Trail

Comments

Letter 1

Dear Council Member,

I am a resident of The Vines Community/member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email.

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· The trail crosses over the ONLY road that leads to two-thirds of the Vines homes which means emergency vehicles would be

delayed in reaching our residents in need. As you know, minutes mean lives saved; delayed response time is the difference between life and death.

- · The trail is STEPS away from the hub of our community and divides both the golf course and neighborhood. The proposed Alternatives 1 and 2 will enable hundreds of thousands of people access to our restaurants, bathrooms, water stations, golf course and parking lot.
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My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joe Valenta

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MPO Rails to Trails

Comments

Dear Counsel Members:

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For security, traffic safety and environmental concerns, I would ask you to consider either making the trail 12 miles long and ending at Estero Parkway or find an alternate route that could go around the Vines instead of through our secure, gated golf community. Otherwise, your route will adversely affect the property values within The Vines community and diminish the value of an Estero Country Club membership. That is, your proposed Trail through the Vines and Estero Country Club will directly cause the members and owners to suffer a great financial loss.

I'm looking forward to having a beautiful linear park for all to enjoy, but please keep in mind having the trail go through a private gated community and golf course will negatively affect the quality of life for many families in the Estero Community. In addition, as a result of the Trail going through the golf course, you will be putting the Trail users in harms way from errant golf shots.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that you vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Respectfully, Deborah Bonner

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Rails to trails

Comments

I am against the proposal which would come through the Vines. There are security issues, safety issues and personal issues. As a single woman, I selected a gated community for these reasons. There are plenty of miles of trails without this space.

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Rails to Trails

Comments

January 31. 2023

Dear Council Member:

I am a resident of the Vines Community and a member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email.

The Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been less than transparent in its presentation of the long-term feasibility report for the Rails to Trails initiative to the residents of the Village of Estero and Bonita Springs.

It began at the first informational meeting in June, 2022 where we were given maps of the three alternatives for the trail. It is clear that the MPO is pushing Alternative 1, an option that literally bisects a private gated community in Estero. Interestingly, this community, The Vines, was NOT indicated on any of the maps distributed by the MPO.

It feels like the MPO was trying to "push" through Alternative 1 in hope that the residents of the Vines would not notice the trail

literally cuts down the middle of the Vines property. It feels like the MPO is not interested in listening to the residents of the Vines community.

It feels like the MPO could care less that the lives and property values will be adversely affected by the trail crossing through the middle of the Vines community. It feels like the MPO is vague when questioned on timelines and finances. It feels like the MPO does not care... It feels like they aren't listening... it is wrong.

Please imagine this trail running straight through your neighborhood for potentially 600,000 people walking down your street every single day. Just imagine that.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alan W Mason 19567 Lost Creek Drive Estero, FL 33967

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Rails to Trails

Comments

January 27, 2023

Dear Council Member,

We have been owners in the Vines Community since 1997 and a full time resident since 2005. We are full time Florida residents. We are distraught that this Rails to Trails proposal will bisect our private gated community. We were recently in Winter Garden, FL and observed the rails to trails in that community. The walkers and bikers were not yielding to traffic on the roads and presented a

real safety issue. We have heard no mention of how the traffic pattern will be accomplished in our community or even on Estero Parkway or Corkscrew Road.

This proposed trail divides our gated community and private member owned golf course. We purchased our home in the Vines for the security of a gated community.

There are other options that would not cross our community. These options should be on the table and any option that enters our community should be off. How do you propose keeping the trail users off of our golf course and out of our facilities? Who assumes liability when a trail user is hit by a golf ball?

We are an Audubon Certified Golf Course Sanctuary. Part of this certification indicated that the abandoned railroad is a wildlife corridor. Bobcats and Florida panthers frequent this area, as well as smaller wildlife. What will be done to preserve this corridor?

It is our understanding that no Rails to Trails in the entire country crosses through a gated private community. Our concern is a total loss of privacy, diminished home values, and increased risk of vandalism.

We need you to vote to exclude the Vines Community and the Estero Country Club from the trail. You represent us,

Sincerely,

Sylvia and Bob Curtis

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Walking Trail

Comments

Living here at The Vines has been such a great experience for my husband and I. We can't imagine having a public trail going through the middle of our community! Our beautiful golf course would be affected as well as the people on the trail. Golfers are not always on target with their shots so there is much danger to those on the trail getting hurt by an errant golf ball. We also have an investment in our property which would be affected in a bad way. So, we are very opposed to this trail for these and many other reasons.

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Rails to Trails

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While the concept of the path is admirable, the fact that the proposal bisects a gated, private community should be opposed. A multi-million dollar project should not adversely impact either the safety of the walkers/bikers using the path or the residents of the community itself. Bisecting the community and allowing access to the self contained private country club will result in reduced property values - certainly not the objective of such a proposal. I urge Council Representatives to represent the residents of the Vines and seek a Win-Win solution. Move towards Alternative 3 and approve a modified version of the project and have the north end of the trail end at Estero Parkway which will preserve the integrity of The Vines Community.

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Rails to Trails

Comments

Dear Council Member:

The Rails to Trails proposal which is currently under consideration is designed to allow greater access to bikers, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts trails through areas designated by MPO.

This enormous MPO project, with a cost in the hundreds of millions of dollars, has failed to take into account the impact to areas in which private gated communities reside.

One such community, The Vines, a private gated community would have Rails to Trails proposal literally running directly through it. As a point of interest, the design map for the project does not even show the existence of The Vines. It does, however, show the gated community of Belle Lago, which is adjacent to The Vines, but is not directly affected by Rails to Trails.

Although The Vines applauds the use of land for greater access for outdoor activities, it does object to such access cutting directly through its gated community. A number of alternative routes have been offered, in fact, one which the MPO crafted, only to have all been cast aside.

We feel that the MPO by recommending the current proposal not only destroys the integrity of a single community, of over 500 families, but sets a broader precedent which would make possible other projects, similar or otherwise, easier to poach through other private developments. Such developments have been a basis for the enormous growth of SWFL.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Respectfully, Sandra Mason 19567 Lost Creek Dr, Estero

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

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My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Theresa O'Flaherty 8351 Grand Palm Dr. Unit 2 Estero, FL 33967

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Rails to Rails Initiative

Comments

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Respectfully, David Marvin 17422 Newberry Lane Estero, FL 33928

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Proposal that would allow Non-Vine people to walk, bicycle within the Vines

Comments

We are opposed to allow non Vines people to enter our property without our approval. This is unacceptable. Thank You !!!

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

I totally support a biking/ walking trail in Estero. However, utilizing the section of the old rail line that runs through our private, gated community and the San Carlos neighborhood north of us is unnecessary. No businesses will benefit. The area north to Alico is all commercial- nothing will be gained from Estero Parkway north. The benefit lies south of Estero where shops and restaurants exist. Plus- where will a trailhead for parking be placed?

Thank you for your consideration.

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Comment - Proposed Rails To Trails Initiative

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Sincerely,

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Trail

Comments

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rail trail

Comments

To whom it may concern:

I am not opposed to a rail trail but I am opposed to it dissecting my gated community. There is no precedent for this in the country. I feel it will negatively impact property values in my community. There are many safety concerns as there is no guarantee that an individual cannot go off trail. We are a certified Audubon Society and I feel our bird population would be distressed by the traffic. Please find another solution.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

Putting a bike trail through the property of the Vines would be extremely disruptive to the community. It would also create a tremendous security issue for this gated community. PLEASE consider better alternatives.

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Rails to trails

Comments

I am supportive of a bike and walking path to go from Bonita Springs north but stopping at Estero Pkwy. I do not want to see it going thru a gated community for safety reasons for both residents and people using the path.

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Comment-Proposed Rails to Trails Initiative

Comments

I am astounded that ANYONE is still considering a public path through a Private Gated Community with a Private Golf Course going right through the middle of the community and private golf course. Every 8 minutes Golf Carts will be cutting right through this bicycle path since it is the only way to get to the next 9 holes.. How will you be able to avoid collisions with bikes and carts? How are you going to prevent anyone from the public from getting off the path and destroying greens or robbing our residents or worse. It is not just bicyclists that can now circumvent our front gate and cause mayhem. Mini bikes could also quickly drive on our course and destroy our greens.

If the proposed Rails to Trails is allowed to come through the Vines Community, our safety, security, and property values will be ruined. Never has a bike path gone through the middle of a gated community and private country club.

There are alternates that stop at Estero Parkway and could restart at San Carlos Blvd. Consider only those alternates. Over 500

households will be very negatively impacted by this invasion of our property..

Whomever would be responsible for permitting this trail to go through The Vines, can expect legal action to be immediately taken by the Vines Community. I sincerely hope that those of you considering voting for this matter will realize the future potential problems this will cause and that you keep the five hundred plus households in The VInes, and vote NO for the Rails to Trails pathway through our community.

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Village Council Meeting

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Rails to Trails initiative

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Respectfully, Lisa Feraco

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Bike path

Comments

Please tell me where in Florida or anywhere in the United States is there a public bike path going through a gated community. This is unimaginably stupid. Seems like a lot of lawsuits coming.

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Rails to Trails proposal

Comments

Please consider all sides of this issue before simply approving the concept of safe public space for a bike trail. As a cyclist I can appreciate the need, but as a homeowner at the Vines and member of Estero Country Club, I believe that opening up a gated community to 24 hour public access is not right. There are alternatives to consider besides the straightest line between two points. As a Florida resident, voter and taxpayer, I expect my elected officials to make well informed decisions. If you have not already done so, please come observe the situation from the ground and our point of view. Users of the trail are in play from the golf course throughout the section that goes through our facility creating danger. Our facilities for members are very close to the trail raising security concerns. I urge you to consider other alternatives that meet the need---I know the MPO has them.

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Comments

Please do not route the proposed Rails to Trails through our gated community, The Vines at Estero Country Club. This would seriously reduce the security/privacy that we now have in our community. Like so many gated communities within Estero, we value our security and privacy. I am requesting that you either stop the N end of the trail at Estero Parkway or divert the trail around the Vines by way of the existing multipurpose trails that already exist on Three Oaks and Estero Parkway.

Thank you. Alan Shepardson

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Sincerely, Gary McCann 8455 Sedonia Circle Estero

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

The Vines and the City of Estero was attractive to my husband and me when we purchased our second home this past April. One of the key factors drawing us to The Vines was the fact that it is a gated and private community. Constructing a public path right through the middle of our community really changes the level of safety and privacy for us. Please consider our views and do not proceed with this project that dissects our community and jeopardizes our safety.

Respectfully,

Kim Brinegar

New Estero Resident

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

As a resident of Fairway Bend in The Vines I am against having a trail for bikes or walkers go through our gated community. There are other routes that can be found and if this is the only hiccup in the plan through Lee County we are very lucky. It is not right to split a gated community apart so people can ride their bikes or walk. They will be crossing our road and going through our golf course which involves possible danger for any bikers or pedestrians. I understand the need for this community trail but it needs to be fair to all. If you lived in The Vines you would feel the same way we all do so put yourselves in our place. Work with The Vines to get the trail in a position that works for all Lee County residents. Don't sacrifice The Vines...put yourselves in our position. Thank you.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Comment-Proposed Rails to Trails Initiative

Comments

I am writing to express my sincere concern over the proposed initiative to put a bike trail through the VInes Community. Although I am in favor of a bike path for the community, it seems inconceivable to put a path in the middle of a private, gated community like The Vines where the environment and safety of our golf course, our community safety, value of homes,, and security are jeopardized. We have community gates that are locked, why would we want to have people entering the community that may have potential accidents, increased traffic, and definitely potential for environmental pollution. The fact that tunnels or gates and fences would be used is asthetically an eye sore. I believe it will hurt the golfing membership because people will not want strangers and the accompaning noise and traffic near their homes and golfing experiences. PLEASE consider our concerns and know that this is a huge breach of our gated community. It is very concerning to think of the criminal activity that could ensue from the amount of traffic coming though our area. I appreciate your efforts to listen to both sides and hope you make the best decision for the numerous members of the VInes Community.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

I am writing to request that you consider either stopping the bike trail at Estero Parkway or approving a plan that bypasses our golf course. I am originally from the St. Louis area and we have a trail that used to be a railroad (the Katy Trail). The Katy trail primarily follows a river, is very scenic and links Kansas City to St. Louis. I do ride my bike here in Estero to visit the library and the post office. I ride on Estero Parkway and Three Oaks Parkway. If the Rail to Trail is ever completed, I would ride on this trail. However, having the trail run adjacent to the first, second, fourteenth and fifteenth fairways of our club is dangerous. I live on the fifteenth fairway and find balls in my yard and hear occasional balls hit my house. I have personally hit several balls in the direction of the train track. I have not heard anyone discuss who is liable for any injuries to bikers hit by golf balls. I would expect it would be the county as they allowed the situation to occur. I would hope it is not the golfer who never wanted to trail to be built in harms way.

I also walk on the streets of my subdivision. There is only one road that goes around the entire complex. I am constantly amazed at the amount of traffic that traverses this road. There are the residents, maintenance vehicles, delivery vehicles, dog walkers, and

bikers. The amount of additional traffic and congestion that the trail will cause to our two rail crossings will also be frustrating and potentially dangerous as neither of our crossings have gates or lights. Residents do not stop at either crossing as the rail has been defunct for at least a decade.

Lastly, I attended the Bonita Beach council meeting and listened to the presentation by the MPO. They said that they do not like alternative 3 as no one wants a bike trail by their front door and getting easements is difficult. However, the MPO is proposing that the trail be located just 10 feet from our golf starter podium, practice green, and cart paths. No homeowner or business in any of the scenarios is being asked to be this close to the trail except our membership. While I disagree with alternative 3 in total, I feel a new alternative 3 or an alternative 1B could be created where the few miles of our golf community could be bypassed. I hope that you do not vote in favor of their plan as stated but request either a bypass alternative to vote upon or an alternative where the trail comes from the south and ends at Estero Parkway. The shorter route will cost less money and will allow the community to see if they will use the new park and what the actual costs of maintaining this park will entail. Whether trail heads are required to get bikers on the trail or if residents will bike to the trail on the roads that they feel are unsafe to bike on now.

My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people of your community. Don't vote for this measure with the hope that they will make an alternative in the future. The MPO said that once residents see how nice the trail is, will come around and be happy that the trail is built. I assure you that no one in the Vines will ever come around to having the bike trail run through our fairways and by our clubhouse.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sandy Wedewer
Resident since 2020

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02/01/2023

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Rails to Trails

Comments

As the Council considers this project and its potential for a new amenity in Estero, I ask that they consider carefully the safety data for other rails to trails projects (research often cited is a major study published in 1998 and thus not relevant to today's contemporary situations), whether and how neighboring communities could be impacted by safety, security, privacy, visual changes or noise, by whether more than the existing railroad right of way would be necessary, and how acquisition of the right of way impacts current stormwater drainage from Estero parkway and south, these are critical issues for the residents of the Cascades who already have stormwater drainage concerns.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

MPO Initiative

Comments

As a resident of The Village of Estero I would like to express my support, with one caveat, for the proposed Rails to Trails project that is before you. It is my understanding the trail/bike path is projected to be 14 miles long from North Naples to Alico Road in Ft. Myers on the existing rail line. The last two miles bisect the gated community of The Vines and the Estero Country Club. For security, traffic safety and environmental concerns, I would ask you to consider either making the trail 12 miles long and ending at Estero Parkway or find an alternate route that could go around this parcel so not to adversely affect the property values within The Vines community and the experience of members at the Estero Country Club. I'm looking forward to having a beautiful linear park for all to enjoy, but please keep in mind having the trail go through a private gated community and golf course will negatively affect the quality of life for many families in the Estero Community.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

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Rails to trails

Comments

Thank you for taking time to read our comment and consider our position. We are opposed to the portion of the trail that would run through the Vines Community. Our opposition stems from the fact that this would open up our private club to public access. While We believe walking biking trails to be a good thing, we would ask to consider an alternative to bisecting the Vines. Thank you for your consideration.

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Rails to Trails

Comments

I am opposed to the proposal for a rails to trails through the Vines community. This is a gated community that I have been a resident of since 1999. I am urging the Village of Estero Council to stand up for our residents. This is what you are supposed to do.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

Dear Council Member,

I am a resident of The Vines Community/member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email.

I am writing to request that you consider voting for Alternative 3 of the MPO feasibility study. Alternatives 1 and 2 literally bisects our community and poses many safety and security concerns:

- The trail crosses over the ONLY road that leads to two-thirds of the Vines homes which means emergency vehicles would be delayed in reaching our residents in need. As you know, minutes mean lives saved; delayed response time is the difference between life and death.
- The trail is STEPS away from the hub of our community and divides both the golf course and neighborhood. The proposed

Alternatives 1 and 2 will enable hundreds of thousands of people access to our restaurants, bathrooms, water stations, golf course and parking lot.

- Alternatives 1 and 2 also exposes our residents to increased public access to our homes, yards, and streets. My daily walks would no longer feel safe in my own neighborhood. Walking alone in the evening would stop for fear of not knowing who might have gone "off trail".
- The sheer volume of people projected to use the trail is enough to disrupt our lifestyle at the Vines. The amount of people "passing through" our neighborhood will change our day to day routine. I personally cross over the proposed trail 6 or 7 times a day. Imagine having to wait for the walkers/riders each time.

My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Proposed Rails To Trails Initiative Through the Vines Community

Comments

Dear Counsel Member

As a resident of The Village of Estero I would like to express my support, with one caveat, for the proposed Rails to Trails project that is before you. It is my understanding the trail/bike path is projected to be 14 miles long from North Naples to Alico Road in Ft. Myers on the existing rail line. The last two miles bisect the gated community of The Vines and the Estero Country Club. For security, traffic safety and environmental concerns, I would ask you to consider either making the trail 12 miles long and ending at Estero Parkway or find an alternate route that could go around this parcel so not to adversely affect the property values within The Vines community and the experience of members at the Estero Country Club. I'm looking forward to having a beautiful linear park for all to enjoy, but please keep in mind having the trail go through a private gated community and golf course will negatively affect the quality of life for many families in the Estero Community.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Respectfully, Deborah Echko 8441 Southbridge Dr. Unit 4 Estero, FL 33967

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My wife and I

Date

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Rails to Trails

Comments

Please stop the Trailway at Estero Blvd,

This will allow for a huge trail without damaging the lives and real estate values of about 500 Estero families.

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Trails

Comments

Letter 1

Dear Council Member,

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My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Helen Toro 19635 Lost Creek Dr Estero, Fl 33967

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to trails

Comments

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Sincerely,

Steve and Maureen Rice

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MPO initiative

Comments

The Rails to Trails proposal which is currently under consideration is designed to allow greater access to bikers, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts trails through areas designated by MPO. This enormous MPO project, with a cost in the hundreds of millions of dollars, has failed to take into account the impact to areas in which private gated communities reside.

One such community, The Vines, a private gated community would have Rails to Trails proposal literally running directly through it. As a point of interest, the design map for the project does not even show the existence of The Vines. It does, however, show the gated community of Belle Lago, which is adjacent to The Vines, but is not directly affected by Rails to Trails.

Although The Vines applauds the use of land for greater access for outdoor activities, it does object to such access cutting directly through its gated community. A number of alternative routes have been offered, in fact, one which the MPO crafted, only to have all been cast aside.

We feel that the MPO by recommending the current proposal not only destroys the integrity of a single community, of over 500 families, but sets a broader precedent which would make possible other projects, similar or otherwise, easier to poach through other private developments. Such developments have been a basis for the enormous growth of SWFL.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

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Rails to Trails bike and walking path

Comments

I don't feel the council and MapO are thinking about this small quiet development. What wants to be done is run a bike trails thru our club, which has never been done in the past. This poses a security threat smack in the middle of our club. At this moments we are chasing riders on atv's. I implore you to realize what a threat this can be. Thank you

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Rails to Trails

Comments

I think this proposal is going to seriously affect the property value of us living in the Vines. As it is, we have difficulty kekeping people from walking the tracks, but with a bike/hiking path, it will be impossible for any security at all for our homes and condos. One of the main reasons for buying in a gated community it security! I think the path is a wonderful idea, but not going right through my community. I believe if you as broad members lived here, you too, would consider it a really BAD idea. Marcia Rees

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Revised resolution to halt Rails to Trails at Estero Parkway.

Comments

Dear Council Members,

The Rails to Trails proposal which is currently under consideration is designed to allow greater access to bikers, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts to trails through areas designated by the MPO.

This enormous MPO project, with a proposed cost of hundreds of millions of dollars, has failed to take into account the impact to areas in which private gated communities exist. My Community, the Vines, a private gated golf course community would have the proposed Rails to

Trails literally running directly through it. As a point of interest, the design map for the project does not even show the existence of the Vines. It does however, show the gated community of Belle Lago, which adjacent to the Vines and the proposed Trail Alternative plans have been proposed that includ diverting the trail around the Vines and ending the trail at Estero Parkway. Please explore one of these alternatives rather than having the trail go through a private gated community, thus affecting the

safety and security of an Estero Community and negatively impacting the quality of life for the residents who live there.

My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Trail through the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Sincerely,

Jane Jirsa

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Estero, FI

21 year resident of the Vines

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Bike path rails to trails

Comments

, for the proposed Rails to Trails project that is before you. It is my understanding the trail/bike path is projected to be 14 miles long from North Naples to Alico Road in Ft. Myers on the existing rail line. The last two miles bisect the gated community of The Vines and the Estero Country Club. For security, traffic safety and environmental concerns, I would ask you to consider either making the trail 12 miles long and ending at Estero Parkway or find an alternate route that could go around this parcel so not to adversely affect the property values within The Vines community and the experience of members at the Estero Country Club. I'm looking forward to having a beautiful linear park for all to enjoy, but please keep in mind having the trail go through a private gated community and golf course will negatively affect the quality of life for many families in the Estero Community.

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Respectfully

Leo and Nancy Donovan

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Date

01/30/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Proposed bike path

Comments

This trail will not only make our community unsecure but also will decrease the value of our homes

Notes



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Opposition to the Rails to Trails path bisecting The Vines

Date

01/30/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

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all been cast aside.

We feel that the MPO by recommending the current proposal not only destroys the integrity of a single community, of over 500 families, but sets a broader precedent which would make possible other projects, similar or otherwise, easier to poach through other private developments. Such developments have been a basis for the enormous growth of SWFL.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

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Date

01/30/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

Dear Counsel Member

As a resident of The Village of Estero I would like to express my support, with one caveat, for the proposed Rails to Trails project that is before you. It is my understanding the trail/bike path is projected to be 14 miles long from North Naples to Alico Road in Ft. Myers on the existing rail line. The last two miles bisect the gated community of The Vines and the Estero Country Club. For security, traffic safety and environmental concerns, I would ask you to consider either making the trail 12 miles long and ending at Estero Parkway or find an alternate route that could go around this parcel so not to adversely affect the property values within The Vines community and the experience of members at the Estero Country Club. I'm looking forward to having a beautiful linear park for all to enjoy, but please keep in mind having the trail go through a private gated community and golf course will negatively affect the quality of life for many families in the Estero Community.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Respectfully, Steve & Cathy Bennett 19291 Vintage Trace Circle Estero, FL 33967

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01/31/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

Please DO NOT approve the rails to trails petition to Bi-sect The Vines community.

I don't object to the project as a whole but the trail should stop at Estero Parkway or divert to other options on the perimeter of this community. Estero Parkway and Imperial already have completed projects/sidewalks and bike lanes that could be connected to the new trail without disrupting the peace of this private community. Those already completed options would reduce the cost of the project.

The Estero taxpayers and property owners of the Vines object to this project dissecting The Vines and our voices should take precedent over the Bonita residents who do not want this trail going through their homes and private communities.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

MPO Rails to trails project

Comments

Firmly against this trail bi secting my neighborhood. The trail would negate our security and leave us vulnerable to all kinds of mischief. No bicyclist has any use taxes for this project other than their enjoying it. My home is heavily taxed and our city should have first and foremost our safety and security.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rail to trail

Comments

The impact of the rail to trail project will significantly impact the community that I live in. The rail bisects the community & having people on the trail will pose a threat to residents, golfers, vehicles, and employees in the vines.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

Dear Council Member,

I am a member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email.

The Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been less than transparent in its presentation of the long-term feasibility report for the Rails to Trails initiative to the residents of the Village of Estero and Bonita Springs.

It began at the first informational meeting in June, 2022 where we were given maps of the three alternatives for the trail. It is clear that the MPO is pushing Alternative 1, an option that literally bisects a private gated community in Estero. Interestingly, this community, The Vines, was NOT indicated on any of the maps distributed by the MPO.

It feels like the MPO was trying to "push" through Alternative 1 in hope that the residents of the Vines would not notice the trail literally cuts down the middle of the Vines property.

It feels like the MPO is not interested in listening to the residents of the Vines community.

It feels like the MPO could care less that the lives and property values will be adversely affected by the trail crossing through the middle of the Vines community.

It feels like the MPO is vague when questioned on timelines and finances.

It feels like the MPO does not care... It feels like they aren't listening... it is wrong.

I'm sure that one of the reasons you were elected to the Council is because of your resourcefulness so it's time to use all your resources and enginewity for the people of our community.

Please imagine this trail running straight through your neighborhood for potentially 600,000 people walking down your street every single day. Just imagine that.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to trails

Comments

Opposed to the rails to trails, should not go through a gated community.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

MPO feasibility study

Comments

It seems there has been intentional ignorance of the impact the MPO would have if it simply crosses through the Vines - Estero Country Club.

Nobody in their right mind would think that converting an abandoned dead unused railroad easement into a thoroughfare passing directly through the heart of a private gated community, where we treasure our privacy, would be accepted by the 500 homeowners within this community.

The residents of the Vines - Estero Country Club are waiting for your next move. Will you proceed under the assumption we will sit by and allow you to change the usage of this easement to a thoroughfare and completely expose the privacy of our community? If you want to set this MPO project up for decades of expensive court battles and delays that result in no bike path ever being developed that can be enjoyed by the current generation, you should continue pushing this naive idea through The Vines. At a certain point when the MPO makes it fully clear it is bent on cutting our community in half, then you will see the members of this

community wake up and start setting up the legal roadblocks that virtually stop the project altogether. One thing I am confident of knowing my neighbors who live here, we will not sit idly and have you impose an easement through our community that exposes it to the general public. The terms and conditions of the railway easement were never meant to be converted to a public easement through a private community, and we will not sit by idly and allow that to happen.

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01/30/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

The Rails to Trails Proposal

Comments

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Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

In particular, how are my family and I supposed to walk in our own neighborhood safely, play golf without the fear of hitting an errant golfball, or hit an individual accidentally who has strayed off of the trail (who will take responsibility for any damages). I see that our community has not even been considered, yet the third option would save our neighborhood and community from being destroyed. Please do not bisect a very viable community and ruin the tax base here as surely the golf community will suffer. Thank you for your time.

Mary Legeay Grieshop

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Date

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

I am a resident of The Vines Community/member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email.

I am writing to request that you consider voting for Alternative 3 of the MPO feasibility study. Alternatives 1 and 2 literally bisects our community and poses many safety and security concerns:

- The trail crosses over the ONLY road that leads to two-thirds of the Vines homes which means emergency vehicles would be delayed in reaching our residents in need. As you know, minutes mean lives saved; delayed response time is the difference between life and death.
- The trail is STEPS away from the hub of our community and divides both the golf course and neighborhood. The proposed Alternatives 1 and 2 will enable hundreds of thousands of people access to our restaurants, bathrooms, water stations, golf course and parking lot.

- Alternatives 1 and 2 also exposes our residents to increased public access to our homes, yards, and streets. My daily walks would no longer feel safe in my own neighborhood. Walking alone in the evening would stop for fear of not knowing who might have gone "off trail".
- The sheer volume of people projected to use the trail is enough to disrupt our lifestyle at the Vines. The amount of people "passing through" our neighborhood will change our day to day routine. I personally cross over the proposed trail 6 or 7 times a day. Imagine having to wait for the walkers/riders each time.

My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Date

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Rails to Trails

Comments

I am very concerned about the proposed route for the new bike path as it currently is scheduled to bisect The Vines gated community. This presents potential safety and property concerns. There is significant traffic both with cars and golf carts where the path would cross our roads. In addition, there is the possibility of bikers getting hit be errant golf balls. Probably a greater concern is the potential for bikers and/or walkers to leave the trail and wander within our community. The trail would pretty much negate the security benefits of living in a gated community.

I am in favor of the path, just not as currently proposed going through The Vines.

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Village Council Meeting

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Date

01/30/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Walking/bike path on railroad tracks

Comments

Dear Council Member,

I am a resident of The Vines Community/member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email.

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My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Sandy Williams 19486 Lost Creek Drive Estero, FL. 33967

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01/30/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Bike/Walking path on railroad tracks

Comments

Dear Council Member,

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Sandy Williams 19486 Lost Creek Drive Estero, FL. 33966

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01/30/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

January 30, 2023

Dear Council Members:

The Rails to Trails proposal which is currently under consideration is designed to allow greater access to bikers, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts trails through areas designated by MPO.

This enormous MPO project, with a cost in the hundreds of millions of dollars, has failed to take into account the impact to areas in which private gated communities reside.

One such community is the community that I live in year round and call home almost 2 years ago. We fell in love with the community and a very important selling point was the security of it being a gated/private golf course community. The Vines, a

private gated community would have Rails to Trails proposal literally running directly through it. As a point of interest, the design map for the project does not even show the existence of The Vines. It does, however, show the gated community of Belle Lago, which is adjacent to The Vines, but is not directly affected by Rails to Trails.

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We feel that the MPO by recommending the current proposal not only destroys the integrity of a single community, of over 500 families, but sets a broader precedent which would make possible other projects, similar or otherwise, easier to poach through other private developments. Such developments have been a basis for the enormous growth of SWFL. I have heard comments from the committee that they must look out for the best interest of homeowners and what they bought into this community for.

The proposal for the trail to come through the community will not only take away from living in a gated community by creating a less than secured neighborhood, but it will also have a financial implication to a decrease to our property value and increase our homeowners insurance because we will not truly be a secured/gated community.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Respectfully,

Edward St.Martin 19551 Vintage Trace Circle Estero, FL 33967

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01/30/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rail to trails

Comments

I am totally opposed to having an open pathway through our gated private community. It makes no sense.

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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails toTrails

Comments

I am opposed to the trail entering a gated community. The trail would compromise the security of the Vines as well as Estero CC. I support ending the trail at Estero Parkway.

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Village Council Meeting

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Estero Country Club at the Vines

Date

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rail to Trails

Comments

I do not want the Rails to Trails dissecting our community. A bike trail going through a golf course is dangerous to the bikers and the golfers. We are not allowed to even walk the golf course on the cart path because of the danger of being hit by a stray ball. Please stop the trail at Estero Parkway or detour around the course. Thank you

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Workshop Item - Rails to Trails

Comments

Dear Counsel Member,

As a resident of The Village of Estero I would like to express my support, with one caveat, for the proposed Rails to Trails project that is before you. It is my understanding the trail/bike path is projected to be 14 miles long from North Naples to Alico Road in Ft. Myers on the existing rail line. The last two miles bisect the gated community of The Vines and the Estero Country Club. For security, traffic safety and environmental concerns, I would ask you to consider either making the trail 12 miles long and ending at Estero Parkway or find an alternate route that could go around this parcel so not to adversely affect the property values within The Vines community and the experience of members at the Estero Country Club. I'm looking forward to having a beautiful linear park for all to enjoy, but please keep in mind having the trail go through a private gated community and golf course will negatively affect the quality of life for many families in the Estero Community.

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Respectfully, Arthur Bowen 19574 Lost Creek Drive Estero, FL 33967

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Workshop Item - Rails to Trails

Comments

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01/30/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to trails

Comments

Rails to trails is a good thing. What I need addressed is the safety and privacy of the Vines. Until there is an acceptable solution to the vines security please stop the trail at Estero parkway going north.

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Rails to Trails

Comments

Dear Council Member:

The Rails to Trails proposal which is currently under consideration is designed to allow greater access to bikers, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts trails through areas designated by MPO. This enormous MPO project, with a cost in the hundreds of millions of dollars, has failed to take into account the impact to areas in which private gated communities reside.

My community, The Vines, a private gated community, would have Rails to Trails proposal literally running directly through it. As a point of interest, the design map for the project does not even show the existence of The Vines. It does, however, show the gated community of Belle Lago, which is adjacent to The Vines, but is not directly affected by Rails to Trails.

Although The Vines applauds the use of land for greater access for outdoor activities, it does object to such access cutting directly

through its gated community. A number of alternative routes have been offered, in fact, one which the MPO crafted, only to have all been cast aside. When we purchased our home here in Estero, we were so excited to have a home where safety and security are valued. Our home values have been stable as a result. To allow strangers access to our community properties would impact our privacy, safety, and security. Crime has been on the upsurge all across our country, and SW Florida is no different. We are entitled to live in our community, feeling safe from interlopers. Surely as our elected officials, you can find a solution that would be acceptable to all parties. I expect you will reach into your hearts and do what your conscience tells you is right. I would hope you would do what you would want done if you lived here. There is only one choice, and that is the path that circumvents the Vines.

I feel that the MPO by recommending the current proposal not only destroys the integrity of a single community, of over 500 families, but sets a broader precedent which would make possible other projects, similar or otherwise, easier to poach through other private developments. Such developments have been a basis for the enormous growth of SWFL.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Respectfully, Diane McFiggen 19325 Silver Oak Dr. Estero, 33967

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails To Trails Proposal

Comments

Dear Council Member,

My name is Linda Hines and I am a resident in The Vines Community and a member of Estero Country Club. I am writing this to you because while I am in favor of the overall intent of what the Rails to Trails proposal intends, the way that it will be implemented will have major, negative consequences for myself and hundreds of families that you represent from my private, gated community.

I strongly request that you vote for Alternative 3 of the MPO feasibility study. Alternatives 1 and 2 literally bisects our community and poses many safety and security concerns:

The trail crosses over the only road that leads to two-thirds of the Vines homes which means emergency vehicles would be delayed in reaching our residents in need. We are a community with many retirees and other vulnerable people. Any delayed

response that comes from these proposals can lead to unnecessary tragedy.

The sheer volume of people projected to use the trail is enough to disrupt our lifestyle at the Vines. The amount of people "passing through" our neighborhood will change our day to day routine. I personally cross over the proposed trail multiple times a day. Having to be aware of and wait for multiple walkers and riders is a major inconvenience as well as a safety concern for us all. The trail is steps away from the hub of our community and divides both the golf course and neighborhood. The proposed Alternatives 1 and 2 will enable hundreds of thousands of people access to our restaurants, bathrooms, water stations, golf course and parking lot. It will be impossible for our community's security to monitor and prevent non community members from the trails to enter our private community.

Alternatives 1 and 2 exposes our residents to public trespassing of our homes, yards, streets and expensive, private amenities. We will no longer have the security of a gated community which will destroy the value and safety of our property. This will make it undesirable to live in the Vines.

Alternatives 1 and 2 exposes public users of the trail crossing through our community to risk of injury or death as well. Since the proposed trails bisect into a main fairway and our golf course, users of the trail are vulnerable to being injured from launched golf balls, struck by golf carts and motor vehicles. Alternative 3 will prevent these unnecessary risks to the public and our community.

Please take these concerns and risks seriously. I strongly object to Alternative 1 and 2 as it is an invasion to our community and private property. Alternative 3 needs to be used in order to protect the public and our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Hines 19331 Silver Oak Drive Estero, FL 33967

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Rails to Trails

Comments

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Rails to Trails initiative

Comments

My name is Diana Ackerman and I am a resident of The Vines community.

While I am in support of creating a linear bike trail, I am opposed to that trail running through the center of the Vines community. A bike path should never be designed at the expense of sacrificing the safety and security of a community.

We are a private, gated community and allowing an open access area would seriously affect our community. We have a fully staffed gated entrance that would be useless as anyone would be able to enter our community through the path.

There WILL BE collisions, injuries and altercations when combining the significant number of Vines community vehicles, golf carts, walkers, bikers, etc. with the projected 600,000 users of the path. In addition to safety and security issues, we have environmental concerns and making our community a public access community would absolutely affect our home values.

Also, this trail would literally be feet from our fairways which provides easy access to the epicenter of our community. It would put our residents in precarious interactions with the path users that can readily leave the path within our gated community.

It has been suggested that we put up gates, signs and high netting. This community is our home, this is NOT a public driving range. Those suggestions are disrespectful and anyone who has visited the Vines can see the issues immediately.

If you base your ultimate decision on the cost of the project as the top priority and you do not make the quality of life of the people as the first priority – this is a sad, sad statement from our leaders. The option of going through the Vines CANNOT conceivably be the only option under consideration. Please put the people first. When planning a recreational path costing millions of dollars, I am sure there is a way to figure out any additional costs involved to make sure the roads or communities affected are safe.

If you have not seen the Vines first hand, we invite you to see our community. We are ALL one community and we should be able to create a plan that does no harm while meeting its goal.

Respectfully,

Diana Ackerman

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Proposed Rails To Trails Initiative Through The Vines Community

Comments

Dear Council Member,

I am a resident of the Vines Community/member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email.

The Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been less than transparent in its presentation of the long-term feasibility report for the Rails to Trails initiative to the residents of the Village of Estero and Bonita Springs.

It began at the first informational meeting in June, 2022 where we were given maps of the three alternatives for the trail. It is clear that the MPO is pushing Alternative 1, an option that literally bisects a private gated community in Estero. Interestingly, this

community, The Vines, was NOT indicated on any of the maps distributed by the MPO.

It feels like the MPO was trying to "push" through Alternative 1 in hope that the residents of the Vines would not notice the trail literally cuts down the middle of the Vines property.

It feels like the MPO is not interested in listening to the residents of the Vines community.

It feels like the MPO could not care less that the lives and property values will be adversely affected by the trail crossing through the middle of the Vines community.

It feels like the MPO is vague when questioned on timelines and finances.

It feels like the MPO does not care... It feels like they aren't listening... it is wrong.

Please imagine this trail running straight through your neighborhood for potentially 600,000 people walking down your street every single day. Just imagine that.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Echko 8441 Southbridge Drive Unit 4 Estero, FL 33967

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rail to Trail

Comments

Dear Council Member,

I am a resident of The Vines Community/member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email.

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My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Date

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Proposed Rails to Trails Project

Comments

This is a great idea except that the train track runs right through the middle of the Estero Country Club Golf Course and the private property of the residents of the Vines. There is no safe way for bikers to ride through the middle of the golf course and no security or privacy for the Vines residents. We are doing all possible to find a compromise so that the bike trail can go forward but in a way that circumvents the Estero Country Club and Vines community. Please join us in securing a win-win for all.

Michael and Cindy Hoene

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01/30/2023

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Comment- Proposed Rails To Trails Initiative

Comments

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My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Deborah Kogut 8547 Fairway Bend Drive Estero, FL 33967

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PROPOSED RAILS TO TRAILS

Comments

Dear Council Member,

As a resident of The Vines Community/member of Estero Country Club I am writing to ask for your consideration to voting for Alternative 3 of the MPO feasibility studay. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition because bike trails are a great way for people to recreate if located in a safe area of the community.

Alternatives 1 and 2 literally bisects our community and poses numerous safety and security concerns:

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Alternatives 1 and 2 also exposes our residents to increased public access to our homes, yards, and streets. My daily walks would no longer feel safe in my own neighborhood. Walking alone in the evening would stop for fear of not knowing who might have gone "off trail". Biking in our neighborhood along Vintage Trace Circle may become encumbered due to trail traffic. I bike daily for exercise and errands and have to be on guard when sharing the road with golf carts, motorists, vending trucks and landscape service equipment. This is a robust and busy community of active retirees!

The sheer volume of people projected to use the trail is enough to disrupt our lifestyle at the Vines. The amount of people "passing through" our neighborhood will change our day-to-day routine. I personally cross over the proposed trail over a dozen times a day. Imagine having to wait for the walkers/riders each time.

My concerns are valid and potentially serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Pamela S. Scheible 19496 Silver Oak Drive Village of Estero, FL 33967

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Rails to Trails

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Respectfully, Keith Baird 8535 Fairway Bend Drive Estero, FL 33967

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Comments

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Respectfully, Vint & Susan Buckwalter

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Proposed Rails to Trails Initiative

Comments

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Gail Novosad 19563 Lost Creek Dr Estero, Fl 33967

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Bonita/Estero Rail Trail

Comments

Good afternoon,

I write this in hopes that you will vote against any resolutions for the Bonita Estero Rail Trail during the 2/1/2023 meeting. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated. As you know this is such an important and needed item for the community and it's surrounding areas.

Thank You

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

I am writing and asking for your support to protect the safety and security of The Vines community and Estero Country Club when you address approval of The Rails to Trails proposal. While the project is designed to allow greater access to bikers, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts trails through areas designated by MPO at a cost in the hundreds of millions of dollars, the MPO planner and planning report has failed to take into account the impact to areas in which private gated communities reside.

One such community, The Vines, a private gated community would have Rails to Trails proposal literally running directly through it. As a point of interest, the planner's design map for the project does not even show the existence of The Vines on its map, although the rail trail would bisect this community. It does, however, show the adjacent gated community of Belle Lago, which is not directly affected at all by Rails to Trails. Ask yourself why that is totally missing?

Although The Vines applauds the use of land for greater access for outdoor activities, we object to such access cutting directly

through its gated community. A number of alternative routes have been offered, in fact, one which the MPO crafted, only to have all been cast aside in a perfunctory manner and without any meaningful rating or analysis as with all the other trail alternatives reviewed.

The alternatives have hardly been studied but dismissed, apparently because, as they say, the Sun Trust grant funds would be less if the entire railroad was not used for the bikers. However, is the funding or sound planning objectives actually driving this project? Is the funding to be sought without regard for the effect on the safety and security of our own residents in gated communities?

We feel that the MPO by recommending the current proposal not only destroys the integrity of a single community, of over 500 families, but sets a broader precedent which would make possible other projects, similar or otherwise, easier to come through other private developments. Such developments have been a basis for the enormous growth of SWFL. And no other gated community in Florida has such a trail going through it. What does that say in terms of proper planning and respect for all residents?

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the direct trail bikeway and do the right thing for the people you represent. Take action to protect the safety and security of The Vines, so no public park user can just leave the trail and enter our gated community. Thank you for your time and attention.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails Initiative

Comments

Dear Council Member,

As a resident of The Village of Estero I would like to express my support, with one caveat, for the proposed Rails to Trails project that is before you. It is my understanding the trail/bike path is projected to be 14 miles long from North Naples to Alico Road in Ft. Myers on the existing rail line. The last two miles bisect the gated community of The Vines and the Estero Country Club. For security, traffic safety and environmental concerns, I would ask you to consider either making the trail 12 miles long and ending at Estero Parkway (which is itself a safety hazard for those utilizing the trail and would be attempting to cross) or find an alternate route that could go around this parcel so not to adversely affect the property values within The Vines community and the experience of members at the Estero Country Club.

The trail crosses over the ONLY road (a private road with limited access) that leads to two-thirds of the Vines homes which means emergency vehicles would be delayed in reaching our residents in need. As you know, minutes mean lives saved; delayed

response time is the difference between life and death.

Additionally, I feel that the MPO by recommending the current proposal not only adversely affects the integrity of a single community, of over 500 families, but sets a broader precedent which would make possible other projects, similar or otherwise, easier to poach through other private developments. Such developments have been a basis for the enormous growth of SWFL.

I'm looking forward to having a beautiful linear park for all to enjoy, but please keep in mind having the trail go through a private gated community and golf course will negatively affect the quality of life for many families in the Estero Community.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Respectfully,

Lisa Feraco

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

January 26, 2023

Dear Council Member,

I am a resident of the Vines Community/member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email.

The Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been less than transparent in its presentation of the long-term feasibility report for the Rails to Trails initiative to the residents of the Village of Estero and Bonita Springs.

It began at the first informational meeting in June, 2022 where we were given maps of the three alternatives for the trail. It is clear

that the MPO is pushing Alternative 1, an option that literally bisects a private gated community in Estero. Interestingly, this community, The Vines, was NOT indicated on any of the maps distributed by the MPO.

It feels like the MPO was trying to "push" through Alternative 1 in hope that the residents of the Vines would not notice the trail literally cuts down the middle of the Vines property.

It feels like the MPO is not interested in listening to the residents of the Vines community.

It feels like the MPO could care less that the lives and property values will be adversely affected by the trail crossing through the middle of the Vines community.

It feels like the MPO is vague when questioned on timelines and finances.

It feels like the MPO does not care... It feels like they aren't listening... it is wrong.

Please imagine this trail running straight through your neighborhood with a projected 600,000 people walking down your street at all times of day/night. Just imagine that.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lou Ann Hebble

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Comments

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Proposed Rails to Trails Initiative

Comments

Dear Council Members

I am a resident of The Vines Community/member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take moment to continue reading this email.

I am writing to request that you consider voting for Alternative 3 of the MPO feasibility study. Alternatives 1 and 2 literally bisects our community and poses many safety and security concerns:

I The trail crosses over the ONLY road that leads to two-thirds of the Vines homes which means emergency vehicles would be delayed in reaching our residents in need. As you know, minutes mean lives saved; delayed response time is the difference between life and death.

The trail is STEPS away from the hub of our community and divides both the golf course and neighborhood. The proposed

Alternatives 1 and 2 will enable hundreds of thousands of people access to our restaurants, bathrooms, water stations, golf course and parking lot.

Alternatives 1 and 2 also exposes our residents to increased public access to our homes, yards, and streets. My daily walks would no longer feel safe in my own neighborhood. Walking alone in the evening would stop for fear of not knowing who might have gone "off trail".

The sheer volume of people projected to use the trail is enough to disrupt our lifestyle at the Vines. The amount of people "passing through" our neighborhood will change our day to day routine. I personally cross over the proposed trail 6 or 7 times a day. Imagine having to wait for the walkers/riders each time.

My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
David Schneeweiss
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Comment - Proposed Rails to Trails Initiative

Comments

Dear Council Members: The Rails to Trails proposal which is currently under consideration is designed to allow greater access to bikers, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts with trails through areas designated by MPO. One such community, The Vines, a private gated community would have the Rails to Trails proposal literally running directly through it. As a point of interest, the design map for the project does not even show the existence of the Vines. It does, however, show the gated community of Belle Lago, which is adjacent to The Vines, but is not direct impacted by Rails to Trails. The sheer volume of people projected to use the trail is enough to disrupt our lifestyle at the Vines. The amount of people "passing through: our neighborhood will significantly alter our lives in many negative ways: security, traffic safety and environmental concerns. I would ask you to consider either making the trail 12 miles long and ending at Estero Parkway or find an alternate route that could go around this parcel so not to adversely affect the lives and community of the Vines and Estero Country Club. Although the Vines applauds the use of land for greater access for outdoor activities, it does object to such access cutting directly through its gated community. A number of alternative routes have been offered. In fact, one which the MPO crafted, only to have all been cast aside. We feel that the MPO by

recommending the current proposal not only destroys the integrity of a single community, of over 500 families, but sets a broader precedent which would make possible other projects, similar or otherwise, easier to poach through other private developments. Such developments have been a basis for the enormous growth of SWFL.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you,

John and Joan O'Sullivan

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Proposed Rails to Trails Initiative

Comments

Dear Council Member,

a I am a resident of The Vines Community/member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take moment to continue reading this email.

I am writing to request that you consider voting for Alternative 3 of the MPO feasibility study. Alternatives 1 and 2 literally bisects our community and poses many safety and security concerns:

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- The sheer volume of people projected to use the trail is enough to disrupt our lifestyle at the Vines. The amount of people "passing through" our neighborhood will change our day to day routine. I personally cross over the proposed trail 6 or 7 times a day. Imagine having to wait for the walkers/riders each time.

My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Hallie Schneeweiss

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to trails proposal

Comments

I am a resident of The Vines Community/member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email.

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My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Maryann DANGELO 8201 Grand Palm Dr #2 Estero, FL33967

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rails to trails

Comments

Dear Council Member,

I am a resident of The Vines Community/member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email.

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My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Proposed Rails to Trails Initiative

Comments

Dear Counsel Member

My name is Mark Miller. I am a year round resident of The Vines community, and a member of Estero Country Club. I would appreciate you taking the time to read this letter concerning the potential of the Rails to Trial bike/walking path to bisect the The Vines/Estero Country Club property. I support the Rails to Trails project but do NOT support it cutting through any gated communities. It is my understanding the trail/bike path is projected to be 14 miles long from North Naples to Alico Road in Ft. Myers on the existing rail line. The last two miles bisect the gated community of The Vines and the Estero Country Club. For security, traffic safety, environmental and other concerns, I would ask you to strongly consider making the trail 12 miles long and ending at Estero Parkway, or find an alternate route that goes around this parcel so not to adversely affect the safety, security, esthetics and property values within The Vines community and the experience of members at the Estero Country Club. Additionally, shortening the path by ending at Estero Parkway would save taxpayer money on a very expensive project by

shortening the length from 14 to 12 miles which is a "win-win" proposition.

I'm looking forward to having a beautiful linear park for all to enjoy, but please keep in mind having the trail go through a private gated community and golf course will negatively affect the quality of life for reasons listed above for many families in the Estero Community and set a very bad precedent.

As a 24 year military veteran I served to protect our liberty, rights and freedoms in the United States. As members of representative government you represent all stakeholders in this issue and though I believe there are many individuals who want the project to cut through the Vines/ECC you must represent those who do not want it as well. The Quote below from Thomas Jefferson's 1st inaugural address sums it up well:

"Bear in mind this sacred principal, that though the will of the majority is in all cases to prevail, that will to be rightful must be reasonable; that the minority possess their equal rights, which equal laws must protect, and to violate would be oppression."

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail.

Respectfully, Cdr Mark S Miller, USN (ret) 8500 Fairway Bend Dr Estero, FL 33967

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Proposed Rail to Trails Initiative

Comments

Dear Council Member,

I am a resident of The Vines Community/member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email.

I am writing to request that you consider voting for Alternative 3 of the MPO feasibility study. Alternatives 1 and 2 literally bisects our community and poses many safety and security concerns:

- The trail crosses over the ONLY road that leads to two-thirds of the Vines homes which means emergency vehicles would be delayed in reaching our residents in need. As you know, minutes mean lives saved; delayed response time is the difference between life and death.
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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RAIL TO TRAILS

Comments

IT would be a safety matter to put a bike trail through a golf club. How can this be done ,unless you provide coverage for the bikers from golf balls.

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Proposed Rails To Trails Initiative

Comments

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ed O'Neill

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Proposed Rails To Trails Initiative

Comments

Dear Council Member:

The Rails to Trails proposal which is currently under consideration is designed to allow greater access to bikers, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts trails through areas designated by MPO.

This enormous MPO project, with a cost in the hundreds of millions of dollars, has failed to take into account the impact to areas in which private gated communities reside.

One such community, The Vines, a private gated community would have Rails to Trails proposal literally running directly through it. As a point of interest, the design map for the project does not even show the existence of The Vines. It does, however, show the gated community of Belle Lago, which is adjacent to The Vines, but is not directly affected by Rails to Trails.

Although The Vines applauds the use of land for greater access for outdoor activities, it does object to such access cutting directly through its gated community. A number of alternative routes have been offered, in fact, one which the MPO crafted, only to have all been cast aside.

We feel that the MPO by recommending the current proposal not only destroys the integrity of a single community, of over 500 families, but sets a broader precedent which would make possible other projects, similar or otherwise, easier to poach through other private developments. Such developments have been a basis for the enormous growth of SWFL.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you. Sharyn O'Neill

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01/28/2023

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Proposed Rails To Trails Initiative

Comments

Dear Counsel Member

As a resident of The Village of Estero I would like to express my support, with one caveat, for the proposed Rails to Trails project that is before you. It is my understanding the trail/bike path is projected to be 14 miles long from North Naples to Alico Road in Ft. Myers on the existing rail line. The last two miles bisect the gated community of The Vines and the Estero Country Club. For security, traffic safety and environmental concerns, I would ask you to consider either making the trail 12 miles long and ending at Estero Parkway or find an alternate route that could go around this parcel so not to adversely affect the property values within The Vines community and the experience of members at the Estero Country Club. I'm looking forward to having a beautiful linear park for all to enjoy, but please keep in mind having the trail go through a private gated community and golf course will negatively affect the quality of life for many families in the Estero Community.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Respectfully, Scott Billings 19765 Vintage Trace Circle Estero, FL 33967

Scott Billings

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Rails to Trails

Comments

My name is Diana Ackerman and I am a resident of The Vines community.

While I am in support of creating a linear bike trail, I am opposed to that trail running through the center of the Vines community. A bike path should never be designed at the expense of sacrificing the safety and security of a community.

We are a private, gated community and allowing an open access area would seriously affect our community. We have a fully staffed gated entrance that would be useless as anyone would be able to enter our community through the path.

There WILL BE collisions, injuries and altercations when combining the significant number of Vines community vehicles, golf carts, walkers, bikers, etc. with the projected 600,000 users of the path. In addition to safety and security issues, we have environmental concerns and making our community a public access community would absolutely affect our home values.

Also, this trail would literally be feet from our fairways which provides easy access to the epicenter of our community. It would put our residents in precarious interactions with the path users that can readily leave the path within our gated community. It has been suggested that we put up gates, signs and high netting. This community is our home, this is NOT a public driving

range. Those suggestions are disrespectful and anyone who has visited the Vines can see the issues immediately.

If you base your ultimate decision on the cost of the project as the top priority and you do not make the quality of life of the people as the first priority – this is a sad, sad statement from our leaders. The option of going through the Vines CANNOT conceivably be the only option under consideration. Please put the people first. When planning a recreational path costing millions of dollars, I am sure there is a way to figure out any additional costs involved to make sure the roads or communities affected are safe.

If you have not seen the Vines first hand, we invite you to see our community. We are ALL one community and we should be able to create a plan that does no harm while meeting its goal.

Respectfully,

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to trails

Comments

I am in support of the proposed bike trail through the Vines community. I do not believe it will have any impact on the golf community, but there may be some areas that will need to protect walkers and bikers from stray golf balls.

Sincerely

Greg Winters

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

MPO Rails to Trails Feasibility Study

Comments

I am a resident of the Vines and have been a member of the Estero CC for five years. I have attended public meetings in Estero and Bonita Springs, where the MPO has presented its findings on the Rails to Trails Initiative. Although I do support the concept of a biking trail, I DO NOT support approval of the Alternative One the MPO recommends. Instead, I request the Council vote in favor of Alternative Three or other route that would bypass the Vines.

I'm concerned that the MPO has been myopic in its study. The first trail map I saw, when the MPO announced upcoming meetings on its findings, did not even show the Vines Community on it. Plus, MPO (and the Trust for Public Lands) seems mainly focused on trail design and RR acquisition costs at this point. Apparently, construction logistics and how the trail might actually operate or effect the communities through which it will run are after-thoughts. The Council should at least have such considerations in mind as it considers the three alternatives now before it. My reasons for opposing MPO's Alternative One are provided below.

I am advised that should Alternative One be approved, the Vines could be the first gated-community in the country to have a Rails to Trails public pathway running through it. I think we all can appreciate the potential problems this may create. My primary concern is for the safety and security of the Vines's residents, as well as that of the Trail users. The proposed Trail would cross over the Vines' main thoroughfare, Vintage Trace, an inviting, palm and live-oak lined circular route providing access and egress for all Vines residents. The Trail will also bisect the Estero CC golf course, restricting golf carts and maintenance vehicles in moving easily between the front and back nines. In my view, the operation of the Trail within the close confines of the Vines Community is fraught with problems.

Let's be honest. Not all trail users and golfers are destined for sainthood! In the real world, any rules that might be developed to address this situation may be skirted or simply ignored. Construction plans, designed with the best intentions, can fail to meet expectations when actually built or to operate as intended What will prevent Trail users from venturing (trespassing) onto Vintage Trace, our privately-owned and maintained, roadway that sees a considerable amount of vehicle traffic each day?, The Trail would also be in close proximity to the "social hub" of the Vines, Estero CC's newly-remodeled, award-winning clubhouse, surrounding grounds, and recreational facilities == all funded by member dues and participation in Club activities. Our restaurants, snack bar, water stations, restrooms and other amenities are not open to the general public. This hub area, and others along Vintage Trace, could provide Trail users easy access to the Estero CC golf course cart paths, fairways and greens. Such detours could create a risk of injury to Trail users, delay or disrupt golfing activities, and potentially cause damage to the golf course. In my view, it is crystal clear this entire situation creates potentially dangerous environment and conditions for both Trail users and Vines residents.

Despite the above concerns, I implore the Council to seriously consider how the proposed Alternative One exposes the Vines Community and residents to increased public access to our residential areas, our homes, yards and common areas. Of course, it is anticipated that during the day, Trail users and Vines residents and golfers will co-exist in an adequate, but unlikely, perfect harmony. One group enjoying the benefits of a linear park and the other, its golf course community, all with little or incidental interaction between them. Of course, as with most public parks, one should expect some Trail users may prefer to use the Trail as their own personal trash dump, dropping empty snack wrappers and energy drink bottles along the path. However, my main question for the Council is what happens at night? The Trail will not magically disappear. It remains as a broad avenue for access to the Vines Community and its privately-funded and maintained amenities. What is to prevent someone using a car, a bike, a motorcycle, an electric scooter, an ATV, or merely their own two legs to come onto the Vines property for engaging in nocturnal mischief, or worse yet, intending to cause serious injury to Vines residents or steal their property. Will the Vines residents bear sole financial responsibility to insure that proper security measures are in place to detect such incursions and to remedy any damages resulting from them? Only a casual glance at daily news stories is enough to make one realize that this danger is no longer a remote possibility in today's world.

I apologize that my comments have run longer than I intended, but this is why the Council members get the Big Bucks and are charged with grappling with such important issues for the benefit of all. I hope you have already taken, or will soon take, the opportunity to visit the Vines to see the situation for yourself, prior to your vote on the MPO proposal. Thank you for your courtesy and your valuable time.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Proposed rails to trails initiative

Comments

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Through the purchase price of my home and our HOA dues, I pay for the added security of living in a gated community with a guard who checks the identity of all who enter to confirm they are authorized to be here. While the vast majority of users of the proposed bike trail will be law-abiding and respectful, the extension of the trail through our community will allow easy access to our homes by people interested in committing crime. The premium I have paid for extra security will be lost and the value of my property will decrease.

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Rail to Trails Path

Comments

Dear Counsel Member

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Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Respectfully, Elizabeth McCann 8455 Sedonia Circle Estero

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12 a. Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Rail Trail Feasibility Study Update

Comments

Please support the MPO efforts to purchase the Rail Trail corridor. Please endorse this. Please contribute money to this. Please help.

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MPO workshop on Rails to Trails initiative

Comments

The Rails to Trails proposal which is currently under consideration is designed to allow greater access to bikers, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts trails through areas designated by MPO. I am a bike rider and have enjoyed other bike trails built on old railways, including the JY Linear bike path. My husband and I look forward to being able to utilize a rails to trails bike path in the future in Estero and Bonita Springs.

This enormous MPO project however, with a cost in the hundreds of millions of dollars, has failed to take into account the impact to areas in which private gated communities reside.

One such community, The Vines, a private gated community would have Rails to Trails proposal literally running directly through it. As a point of interest, the design map for the project does not even show the existence of The Vines. It does, however, show the

gated community of Belle Lago, which is adjacent to The Vines, but is not directly affected by Rails to Trails.

Although The Vines applauds the use of land for greater access for outdoor activities, it does object to such access cutting directly through its gated community. A number of alternative routes have been offered, in fact, one which the MPO crafted, only to have all been cast aside.

We feel that the MPO by recommending the current proposal not only destroys the integrity of a single community, of over 500 families, but sets a broader precedent which would make possible other projects, similar or otherwise, easier to poach through other private developments. Such developments have been a basis for the enormous growth of SWFL.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

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Proposed Rails To Trails Initiative

Comments

Dear Council Member,

I am a resident of The Vines Community/member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email.

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My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Deborah Echko

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Proposed Rails to Trails Initiative

Comments

Dear Council Member,

As a resident of the Vines Community, we are very interested in the Rails to Trails initiative. We have lived here for 6 years and one of the most important aspects of our buying in the Vines is the fact that it is a smaller, gated community with a private golf course. Now it seems this quality of life will be non-existant if initiative #1 comes to fruition. Security is a very real concern today and by bisecting our community in half and allowing free access into our community, we feel you are enabling many security issues. Our now private golf course will become a thoroughfare to any and all who chose to ride the trail. Who will be paying for increased security for our neighborhood? This is an initiative that can change the Vines forever. We believe it is the duty of every council member to do due diligence and come to the Vines to see exactly the impact this initiative will have. Every council member needs to see in person our community and think about how they would feel if this was going to happen to them. We may be only 440 doors, but you represent us as well and we should not be shoved so casually aside.

We are not opposed to a riding trail but we feel that there needs to be more thought into how you can best serve ALL the people.

Thank you for your time,

Doreen Tallman

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It feels like the MPO does not care... It feels like they aren't listening... it is wrong.

Please imagine this trail running straight through your neighborhood for potentially 600,000 people walking down your street every single day. Just imagine that.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jeff Echko

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Rails to Trails

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Thank you Tom Wortman 8617 Fairway Bend Dr Village of Estero FL 33967

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- The trail is STEPS away from the hub of our community and divides both the golf course and neighborhood. The proposed

Alternatives 1 and 2 will enable hundreds of thousands of people access to our restaurants, bathrooms, water stations, golf course and parking lot.

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- The sheer volume of people projected to use the trail is enough to disrupt our lifestyle at the Vines. The amount of people "passing through" our neighborhood will change our day to day routine. I personally cross over the proposed trail 6 or 7 times a day. Imagine having to wait for the walkers/riders each time.

My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank You Pam Wortman 8617 Fairway Bend Drive The Vines Village of Estero FL 33967

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Village Council Meeting

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Date

01/27/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Proposed Rails to Trails Initiative

Comments

Dear Counsel Member

As a resident of The Village of Estero I would like to express my support, with one caveat, for the proposed Rails to Trails project that is before you. It is my understanding the trail/bike path is projected to be 14 miles long from North Naples to Alico Road in Ft. Myers on the existing rail line. The last two miles bisect the gated community of The Vines and the Estero Country Club. For security, traffic safety and environmental concerns, I would ask you to consider either making the trail 12 miles long and ending at Estero Parkway or find an alternate route that could go around this parcel so not to adversely affect the property values within The Vines community and the experience of members at the Estero Country Club. I'm looking forward to having a beautiful linear park for all to enjoy, but please keep in mind having the trail go through a private gated community and golf course will negatively affect the quality of life for many families in the Estero Community.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Respectfully,

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Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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01/27/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to trails

Comments

I have been a resident of the Vines located in Estero Country Club.for 29 years It is a beautiful community affording us a lovely gated community with golf course which we all use. While I understand WHY you feel the necessity to do this... have you given any thought at all to what you might expose over 400 + homes to? Safety is our biggest concern. We are living in a world where you are not safe unless you do what all communities do Have security round the. Lock! By dividing our community in half and allowing the public to walk through our very private area you are opening it up to everyone..... criminals too. What about safety....safety to those that are walking the trail that you plan to put in.... What about their safety???? Will they be open to golf balls hitting them..... who will take responsibility for that? Who will take responsibility for homes broken into? Who will take responsibility for lives being lost??? Has anyone thought of what this will do to our property values....??? Please find a way to do this and protect our residents and area from a disastrous idea to put a bicycle path in.

Joan M Boesc

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Village Council Meeting

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Date

01/27/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

Dear Council Members,

I am a resident of The Vines Community and member of the Estero Country Club. We are familiar with Rails to Trails efforts in upstate New York. However, none of those rails disected a community the way Alternative 1 goes through The Vines. There is no doubt there is a need for such an amenity but it will destroy our lovely 440 doorknob community.

We have ONE ROAD to exit and enter Estero Parkway or US 41. The trail crosses over that road. Such crossing will create a safety hazard for all involved, residents, visitors, commercial suppliers and most importantly emergency service vehicles. I am pleading with you to please eliminate Alternative 1 from being an option.

Please consider how your day would change and the risk to your lifestyle and safety if this were to happen to your community. Thank you for all that you do on our behalf and your thoughtful consideration on this matter.

Robert B. Collins

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Date

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trail

Comments

Dear Council,

We have been residents of The Vines for 28 years and plan to spend the rest of our days here. We are disheartened learning there is a possibility that our community containing 440 doorknobs will be split in half rendering it difficult to travel to and from the Club, to and from our neighbors homes and most importantly to and from entrance and exit to Estero Parkway and U.S. 41.

We are extremely concerned about the safety of residents, visitors, commercial vehicles and potential users of the trail. It is inconceivable to think what the traffic pattern will be like if we have to wait for trail users to clear before we can cross, whether we are in vehicles or golf carts not to mention the delay in emergency service vehicles.

We are pleading with you to think about how such a plan would impact your life if it was your community. Please vote to bypass The Vines. We thank you for all that you do on our behalf and for consideration in this important matter.

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Workshop Item - Rail to Trails

Comments

Dear Counsel Member

As a resident of The Village of Estero I would like to express my support, with one caveat, for the proposed Rails to Trails project that is before you. It is my understanding the trail/bike path is projected to be 14 miles long from North Naples to Alico Road in Ft. Myers on the existing rail line. The last two miles bisect the gated community of The Vines and the Estero Country Club. For security, traffic safety and environmental concerns, I would ask you to consider either making the trail 12 miles long and ending at Estero Parkway or find an alternate route that could go around this parcel so not to adversely affect the property values within The Vines community and the experience of members at the Estero Country Club. I'm looking forward to having a beautiful linear park for all to enjoy, but please keep in mind having the trail go through a private gated community and golf course will negatively affect the quality of life for many families in the Estero Community.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Respectfully, Linda Nowacki-Bowen 19574 Lost Creek Drive Estero, FL 33967

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Village Council Meeting

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Date

01/27/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails Initiative

Comments

Dear Council Member,

I have been a resident of The Vines Community and member of Estero Country Club since 2005. Let me begin with by stating that I hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email.

I am writing to request that you consider voting for Alternative 3 of the MPO feasibility study. Alternatives 1 and 2 bisect our community and pose many safety and security concerns to our residents:

The trail crosses over the ONLY road that leads to the majority of our residents homes which means that emergency vehicles would be delayed in reaching our residents in need, potentially causing a catastrophic situation. As you know, delayed response time could be the difference between life and death.

The trail is within 25 yards from the hub of our community, our clubhouse, and divides both the golf course and neighborhood. The proposed Alternatives 1 and 2 will enable thousands of people unfettered access to our facilities --- clubhouse, restaurants, bathrooms, water stations, golf course and parking lot. Such access would cause severe safety and liability concerns for our residents.

Alternatives 1 and 2 expose our residents to increased public access to our homes, yards, and streets. Daily walks, jogging, and cycling would no longer be safe in our own neighborhood. Residents would not feel safe walking alone in their community for fear of potential "off trail" individuals trespassing within the Vines. As it is, outside individuals currently access our community through unrestricted access via the railroad tracks.

The sheer volume of people projected to use the trail is enough to disrupt our lifestyle at the Vines. The amount of people "passing through" our neighborhood will change our day to day routine. I personally cross over the proposed trail 6 or 7 times a day. Imagine having to wait for the walkers/riders each time.

My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Adair 19001 Vintage Trace Circle Estero, FL 33967

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Village Council Meeting

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Date

01/27/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

January 27, 2023

Dear Council Member,

I am a resident of The Vines Community and a member of Estero Country Club. When I first read about Rails to Trails, the information stated it would be from Estero Parkway South to Naples. I am an avid bike rider and was excited over this plan. Eventually I learned that the trail is proposed to come through the middle of my community. I would have to cross the trail every time I leave and return to my home.

I don't like reading or writing long emails so I want to leave you all with these thoughts. If you live in a gated community, which I'm assuming most of you do, how would you and all your neighbors feel if a public bike trail was proposed to be built through your

gated community? How do you think your neighbors would feel about you voting in favor of a public trail running through your community? Would you and your neighbors still feel safe living there? Would you be in favor of the trail if a family member, such as a parent or child lived in the community?

I urge you to please do the right thing for this community, who you represent, and not let the trail pass through The Vines.

Respectfully,

David Rees 19733 Vintage Trace Circle Estero, FL 33967

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Village Council Meeting

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Date

01/27/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

MPO Rails to trails project

Comments

Dear council members,

I am a resident of The Vines Community/member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email and take my concerns very seriously.

I am writing to request that you consider voting for Alternative 3 of the MPO feasibility study. Alternatives 1 and 2 literally bisects our community and poses many safety and security concerns:

The trail crosses over the ONLY road that leads to two-thirds of the Vines homes which means emergency vehicles would be delayed in reaching our residents in need. As you know, minutes mean lives saved; delayed response time is the difference

between life and death.

The trail is STEPS away from the hub of our community and divides both the golf course and neighborhood. The proposed Alternative 1 will enable hundreds of thousands of people access to our restaurants, bathrooms, water stations, golf course, parking lot and private property.

Alternative 1 also exposes our residents to increased public access to our homes, yards, and streets. My home is just steps away from the railroad tracks with no pond in-between to inhibit access to my property. My daily walks would no longer feel safe in my own neighborhood. Walking alone in the evening would stop for fear of not knowing who might have gone "off trail".

The sheer volume of people projected to use the trail is enough to disrupt our lifestyle at the Vines. The amount of people "passing through" our neighborhood will change our day to day routine. I personally cross over the proposed trail 6 or 7 times a day. Imagine having to wait for the walkers/riders each time.

My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen Fitzgerald-Adair

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Estero, FI 33967

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Village Council Meeting

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Date

01/27/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Path on railroad tracks thru our community

Comments

Totally oppose the acquisition and creation of a walking and biking path through the vines! It takes away any Security that we now have in our gated community and creates a dangerous situation near our golf course. Terrible idea.

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Village Council Meeting

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Homeowner

Date

01/26/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to trails initiative

Comments

Dear Council Member,

I am a resident of the Vines Community/member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email.

The Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been less than transparent in its presentation of the long-term feasibility report for the Rails to Trails initiative to the residents of the Village of Estero and Bonita Springs.

It began at the first informational meeting in June, 2022 where we were given maps of the three alternatives for the trail. It is clear that the MPO is pushing Alternative 1, an option that literally bisects a private gated community in Estero. Interestingly, this community, The Vines, was NOT indicated on any of the maps distributed by the MPO.

It feels like the MPO was trying to "push" through Alternative 1 in hope that the residents of the Vines would not notice the trail literally cuts down the middle of the Vines property.

It feels like the MPO is not interested in listening to the residents of the Vines community.

It feels like the MPO could care less that the lives and property values will be adversely affected by the trail crossing through the middle of the Vines community.

It feels like the MPO is vague when questioned on timelines and finances.

It feels like the MPO does not care... It feels like they aren't listening... it is wrong.

Please imagine this trail running straight through your neighborhood for potentially 600,000 people walking down your street every single day. Just imagine that.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Gregory Shires 19041 Vintage Trace Circle Estero, FI 33967

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Village Council Meeting

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rail to trail initiative

Comments

Letter 1

Dear Council Member,

I am a resident of The Vines Community/member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email.

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- The trail is STEPS away from the hub of our community and divides both the golf course and neighborhood. The proposed Alternatives 1 and 2 will enable hundreds of thousands of people access to our restaurants, bathrooms, water stations, golf course and parking lot.
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My concerns are valid and very serious. Please vote to bypass the Vines and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Angela Bischoff 19041 Vintage Trace Circle Estero, Fl 34967

Notes



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Village Council Meeting

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Date

01/26/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

Dear Council Member:

The Rails to Trails proposal which is currently under consideration is designed to allow greater access to bikers, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts trails through areas designated by MPO. This enormous MPO project, with a cost in the hundreds of millions of dollars, has failed to take into account the impact to areas in which private gated communities reside.

My community, The Vines, a private gated community, would have Rails to Trails proposal literally running directly through it. As a point of interest, the design map for the project does not even show the existence of The Vines. It does, however, show the gated community of Belle Lago, which is adjacent to The Vines, but is not directly affected by Rails to Trails.

Although The Vines applauds the use of land for greater access for outdoor activities, it does object to such access cutting directly through its gated community. A number of alternative routes have been offered, in fact, one which the MPO crafted, only to have all been cast aside. When we purchased our home here in Estero, we were so excited to have a home where safety and security are valued. Our home values have been stable as a result. To allow strangers access to our community properties would impact our privacy, safety, and security. Crime has been on the upsurge all across our country, and SW Florida is no different. We are entitled to live in our community, feeling safe from interlopers. Surely as our elected officials, you can find a solution that would be acceptable to all parties. I expect you will reach into your hearts and do what your conscience tells you is right. I would hope you would do what you would want done if you lived here. There is only one choice, and that is the path that circumvents the Vines.

I feel that the MPO by recommending the current proposal not only destroys the integrity of a single community, of over 500 families, but sets a broader precedent which would make possible other projects, similar or otherwise, easier to poach through other private developments. Such developments have been a basis for the enormous growth of SWFL.

Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Respectfully,

Diane McFiggen

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Notes



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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

Dear Council Member:

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This enormous MPO project, with a cost in the hundreds of millions of dollars, has failed to take into account the impact to areas in which private gated communities reside.

One such community, The Vines, a private gated community would have Rails to Trails proposal literally running directly through it. As a point of interest, the design map for the project does not even show the existence of The Vines. It does, however, show the gated community of Belle Lago, which is adjacent to The Vines, but is not directly affected by Rails to Trails.

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Please vote to exclude The Vines community and Estero Country Club from the trail and do the right thing for the people you represent.

Respectfully, Jean Rees 19733 Vintage Trace Cir Estero, FL 33967

Notes



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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails

Comments

I, Vicki Koshliek, own property and live in The Vines at Estero Country Club. I am writing to voice my opposition to the Rail to Trail project as proposed.

I understand why bikers are in favor of that project. I am however NOT in favor of that trail bisecting our community.

It seems a reasonable compromise would be to end the trail at Estero Blvd. That would give bikers 12 miles of trail and not divide The Vines. A win/win for ALL the residents of Estero which you represent.

Respectfully

Vicki Koshliek

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Agenda Item No. or Topic

Proposed Rails to Trails Initiative

Comments

Hello, I live in Estero Country club and have only lived here for a little over a year. We chose this community because it has a 24 hour on site security and it is gated access. Security is very important to me and my family. I request your support for us as homeowners by apposing the plan to not only intrude on our gated community, but compromise our security by allowing a trail to go directly through our home. We spent everything we had to purchase our home in Estero Country Club because we wanted the security and stability of the gated community with minimal traffic. Allowing a trail to go through our home will not only decrease security and the value of our home, but will end up costing us more because our homeowners insurance will no longer provide a discount because public access would be allowed through the community, therefore negating the security of a gated community. I am sure they will find an alternate route that won't negatively impact so many residents like using the existing paths along Estero Parkway to Three Oaks that would also save them money. Please support us to keep the trails from hurting our community and our safety and home values.

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Myself/The Vines

Date

01/26/2023

Agenda Item No. or Topic

Rails to Trails/MPO

Comments

Dear Council Member,

I am a resident of The Vines Community/Member of Estero Country Club. Let me begin with my personal hope that the trail comes to fruition, along with hope that you will take a moment to continue reading this email.

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Sincerely, Shelly Lawrence 8466-2 Southbridge Dr. The Vines Sent from my iPad

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Comment - Proposed Rails To Trails Initiative

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Rail trail

Comments

Sirs:

Here are just a few of the reasons why I oppose it and you should too.

- 1) Women all over the country, recently are being assaulted and raped on these trails. Consultants in favor sight outdated security reports dating back to 1996. 21 women were assaulted in Fairfax county. Just Google women assaulted on rail trails and you will be amazed by the large number of recent occurrances.
- 2) Lack of funds to provide adequate ongoing security. It WILL become a corridor for illegals, gangs and drug traffickers. Some reports show the majority users are grade school and high school age. The increase in litter burden has been horrendous. One woman in the Wgcu news report stated at her northern home, they have to call the police on a very frequent basis because people even camp on the trails! and there are always some type of disturbances. Homeless people can cause additional issues.

The sherriff is already over burdened and under funded. People need to wake up about the security problems this will cause especially as our county faces increased crime issues in the future.

- 3) it will increase stormwater burdens on our already overburdened system. Additional hardscape causes more problems. The stormwater analysis of this project calls for permits to be approved. Will these be pushed thru despite all the critical water mgmt issues not addressed throughout the county
- 4) this is a multimillion dollar project and money can be better applied elsewhere in the village and county especially after the hurricane.
- 5) The railroad can never be used again, so future transportation needs may suffer. What happens to the chances of high speed rail or bus to ease our horrible traffic issues.
- 6) The railroad receives excessive funds for this project. It is a essentially a bail out program for them.
- 7) Across the country this program has robbed land owners and harmed privacy and security. There have been cases taken to the Supreme Court to stop them. Dissecting the Vines community is a horrible solution.
- 8) Adjacent homes will suffer greatly from noise, security and privacy issues. Most all the communities and people on favor, Do Not live adjacent to the proposed trail.
- 9) There are plenty of parks and trails and bike paths already not in peak use. We do not need this overspent monument to legacy. Fix our problems, dont make more.

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Rails to Trails

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I am writing to request that you consider voting for Alternative 3 of the MPO feasibility study. Alternatives 1 and 2 literally bisects our community and poses many safety and security concerns:

The trail crosses over the ONLY road that leads to two-thirds of the Vines homes which means emergency vehicles would be delayed in reaching our residents in need. As you know, minutes mean lives saved; delayed response time is the difference between life and death.

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