

From: Jon Snyder
To: Heather Sloop; City Council
Cc: Gary Suiter; Tom Leeson; Rebecca Bessey
Subject: RE: Stone lane
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2023 11:44:36 AM

City Council,

I wanted to clarify some of the comments made by Mr. Wiener in his message below:

1. There are two different hotel projects that go to Planning Commission tonight and to City Council on the 22nd. The hotels are adjacent to one another, on the east side of Highway 40 between Homewood Suites and the old Fairfield Inn.
2. The Stone Lane Bridge is not under consideration at either of the hearings.
3. Contrary to the opening paragraph of Mr. Wiener's message below, the proposed hotels will not create an extension to Stone Lane through to Highway 40. He is referring to the Stone Lane Bridge project. However, it is critical to note that the bridge project is a City project. The two hotel projects are not constructing the bridge, and the two hotel projects are most certainly not driving the need for the bridge.
4. The two things driving the need for the bridge are:
 - a. A second ingress/egress for the south condoland/Whistler neighborhood: currently, this large neighborhood only has one way in and out, and that is via Walton Creek Road. This is a dangerous condition from an emergency services standpoint, especially if we had to evacuate that entire neighborhood quickly in the event of a wildfire. It would also decrease emergency response time for calls in that neighborhood, because emergency responders would be able to take Highway 40 for a longer distance rather than relying on Whistler or Village.
 - b. Congestion relief at the various intersections along Walton Creek Road: our Transportation Master Plan currently shows that at some point in the future we'll need intersection upgrades, likely in the form of roundabouts, at Walton Creek/Chinook-Owl Hoot, Walton Creek/Whistler, and Walton Creek/Village. If we build the Stone Lane Bridge, a substantial amount of the traffic that currently uses Walton Creek Road to access Highway 40 will be able to use Stone Lane instead, which will reduce the congestion on Walton Creek Road and thereby negate the need to do the three intersection improvement projects along Walton Creek Road.
5. If the Stone Lane Bridge is constructed, the traffic engineers believe that 6.2% of the traffic over the bridge will be generated by the two new hotels combined. Therefore, the two new hotels are being required to contribute 6.2% of the funding for the bridge.

Please feel free to reach out to me should you have further questions.

Thank you,

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A proposed project will create an extension to Stone Lane through to Highway 40, and will result in considerably more traffic on Whistler Road.

The proposed development will be discussed at this week's Planning Commission Meeting, Thursday, August 10th at 5 pm, Citizen's Meeting Room, Centennial Hall, 124 10th St. There will be an equally important City Council meeting on August 22nd where the project will also be addressed.

This will be one of very few chances to voice opposition or have some say in the potential Stone Lane bridge and connector road from Route 40, which the developer is agreeing to help fund should the Planning Commission and City OK their proposal to build two large box hotels next to the former Fairfield Inn. We have seen that there is power in numbers. The more people we can get to attend the meeting, the more the Planning Commission, City and developers will be inclined to listen to us.



Heather Sloop, City Council Pro tem

In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer.
Albert Camus