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I'm yet to meet someone who understands the project and wants it to happen. Mostly, I've only spoken to folks who don't even know that it is on the table. My main concerns are

1. **Who wants this?**

1. This has been positioned (couched) as primary beneficiaries are 'us' as people who live in the area. I haven't spoken to one person who wants this. Have any of you?
2. I don't understand how your process works, so apologies. But if I can't find someone in my neighborhood who wants this, how did you all come to the conclusion that it was needed?

2. **Safety:**

1. My neighbor just taught his daughter how to ride a bike on Stone Ln. It will be busier than Whistler and essentially become pass through for tourists who just 'can't wait' 5 minutes for the light on Walton Creek.

3. **Sense of Place:**

1. it is true that it can be cumbersome to get back into our neighborhood on busy days, but we get here and the 'sense of place' that we all know and love is here! This will fundamentally change this. There is NO way it will not be used as a pass through. Would you wait for to get to Walton Creek as a tourist? Or jump into another option that is one minute faster on Google Maps?

4. **Flooding:**

1. There will be an increased risk of flooding. A hotel owner in 2018 discussed this in the Steamboat Pilot.

5. **Transparency:**

1. It's hard to tell who has skin in the game and the money exchanges and how transparent it all is. Seems like a few people either need or want it, even though the neighborhood at large does not understand the benefit.
2. **Does this only seem a little weird to me?** While the Stone Lane Bridge is a separate issue, the documents

submitted by the developer assume that the Bridge will be built and the developer is required to pay close to 10% of the costs of the Stone Lane Bridge in order to receive his building permit (plus it appears there will be a fee for a future sidewalk along Stone Lane). The actual dollar costs are NOT identified in the traffic report or in any of the documents submitted but have been stated to be close to ~\$475K.

**6. Developer Integrity:**

1. Do we really want a developer with a 'build and sell' plan in our community? That is the exact relationship many communities have struggled with. A person builds something and leaves and has no daily responsibility to make it what it was intended to be.

**7. Entrance to Steamboat**

1. Even by Oak Creek standards you wouldn't let your entrance be marred by a strip of hotels. Has this been considered?

**8. It is a wildlife corridor**

Respectfully,  
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