

Members of the Arizona State Legislature
Maricopa County Board of Supervisors

Re: Opposition to BNSF Facility Z2024072 and CPA 2024006

Dear Members,

I am writing to respectfully but firmly express my opposition to the proposed BNSF logistics/rail facility planned for the NW Valley of Maricopa County, near Wittmann. While economic development is important to our State, this project presents significant and unacceptable risks to public safety, environmental quality, and the quality of life for nearby communities.

Key Concerns:

Public Safety: The expected surge in vehicular traffic will overwhelm already strained roadways, particularly along US 60, 303, SR 74 and local arterials increasing accidents, roadway damage and emergency response delays.

Proximity to Homes and Schools: The facility's location places industrial activity very near residential neighborhoods, schools and churches. The quality of life for nearby communities (Sun City, Sun City West, Surprise, etc.) will be impacted by noise, diesel emissions, and additional traffic.

Environmental Impact: Increased diesel emissions and groundwater use threaten air quality and water resources in an already vulnerable area and population.

Incompatibility with Current Land Use: The proposed project is incompatible with the Maricopa County Comprehensive Plan, placing industrial activity too close to established communities.

Insufficient Community Outreach: There has not been adequate transparency or facts/details for a project of this scale.

Economic Burden: While BNSF may promise job creation, the burden on residents – including decreased property values, increased taxes for infrastructure upgrades, and diminished quality of life – far outweighs the uncertain economic benefits. This project must be evaluated for its long-term effects on taxpayers and homeowners.

I request that you require a full, independent review of environmental, traffic, and community impacts, and ensure comprehensive public hearings, with adequate notice. Please consider alternative locations that align with existing transportation (not overloaded) corridors and zoning, rather than imposing heavy industrial use on residential communities.

The residents of the NW Valley deserve thoughtful, transparent decision-making that protects public safety, environmental health and the character of our neighborhoods. The proposed facility, as currently planned, does not meet those standards. I urge you to stand with the surrounding communities, and oppose this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Signature

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