

Arizona Chapter of Associated General Contractors
Attn: David Martin, President
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An Open Letter To: Arizona Chapter of Associated General Contractors, David Martin, President

Dear Mr. Martin,

Your opinion piece, *“Arizona must prepare for freight system its economy depends on,”* reflects the perspective of the Arizona Chapter of the Associated General Contractors, but it does not align with the actions of local governing bodies or the concerns of the hundreds of thousands of residents who will be directly impacted by this project.

At the November 5, 2025 Maricopa County Board of Supervisors meeting, every Supervisor voted against amending the Comprehensive Plan to accommodate this project. During that same meeting, the Director of MCDOT highlighted the Northwest Valley’s already strained infrastructure, noting the current “F” rating assigned to the Loop 303/US 60 corridor. Planned improvements to address these deficiencies remain years away. Additionally, both at that meeting and at a subsequent Surprise City Council meeting—which formally expressed opposition—serious concerns were raised regarding the lack of coordination with BNSF and the absence of committed funding to mitigate the anticipated traffic impacts.

The Property Owners and Residents Association (PORA), representing Sun City West, The Grand, and Corte Bella, stands firmly opposed to the proposed location of this project. It is evident that the voices of thousands of nearby residents—particularly those in Wittmann—have not been adequately considered. The proposed site places a major industrial development in the midst of established residential communities in Wittmann and Surprise, just minutes from Sun City West.

While the Arizona Chapter of AGC emphasizes its commitment to a “strong, vibrant, competitive, and safe construction market,” including priorities such as infrastructure, safety, workforce development, and environmental stewardship, we urge you to fully evaluate how this project conflicts with those very principles. The proposed location is already burdened by significant traffic congestion, declining air quality, and a diminishing quality of life. Advancing this project as proposed will only exacerbate these issues, leading to immediate and sustained gridlock—beginning with the construction phase.

We respectfully ask that your organization reconsider its position and engage more fully with the communities and stakeholders most affected. A more appropriate site selection—one that minimizes harm to existing residential areas—would better serve both regional mobility goals and community well-being.

We encourage continued collaboration among all parties to ensure decisions are informed, balanced, and reflective of the realities facing the Northwest Valley.

Sincerely,
The Board of Directors
Sun City West Property Owners and Residents Association (PORA)