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**Draft only – for NSV MAC review**

Sonoma County Public Infrastructure  
2300 County Center Dr # A200  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
VIA EMAIL:

**RE: Usage and Access of O'Donnell Bridge, Glen Ellen, CA**

Dear XX,

On behalf of the North Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council (NSV MAC), I respectfully submit the following summary of community member comments pertaining to usage and access of the O'Donnell Bridge in Glen Ellen. With the bridge closed to vehicular traffic following damage that occurred earlier this year, vehicle access for the O'Donnell Lane residents and Glen Ellen Community Church is limited to Henno Road via Warm Springs Road.

In keeping with the NSV MAC's role as our community's voice to our elected representatives and county agencies, this letter reflects community input received at the June 18 and July 16, 2024 NSV MAC meetings. It is not intended to be exhaustive or to take the place of individual comments from community members and other interested parties.

At our June meeting, Supervisor Susan Gorin confirmed that funding has yet to be identified for the repair of the O'Donnell Bridge and that there is no timeline for repair at this time. Therefore, a plan for bridge usage, access and improved pedestrian and motor vehicle safety is warranted, and community members expressed the following requests for county consideration:

- Continue to allow for pedestrian and bicycle access across the bridge;
- Improve the signage and vehicular restrictions from the current plastic bollards and tape to something more long term and attractive;
- Determine a plan for emergency ingress / egress via the bridge, possibly to include removable bollards and related community education as to how to use;
- Consider concave mirrors (or equivalent) at Warm Springs / Henno Road and trim vegetation near intersection to improve sight lines and visibility;
- Add signage or modify existing signage on Arnold Drive (at O'Donnell) that advises of bridge weight limits to indicate bridge closure (to avoid heavy goods trucks having to back up or turn around).

It was noted that the O'Donnell Bridge is used when portions of Arnold Drive are closed, e.g., the annual Glen Ellen Fair, allowing access for bands and Glen Ellen restaurant staff, however no actions were proposed to address this. Also identified as a potential NSV MAC action is to work with the Glen Ellen Community Church on parking practices that don't curtail access (on Henno), and to reach out to provide property owners close to intersections to encourage vegetation trimming for improved visibility.



Thank you for your consideration of these comments and please reach out to me for any clarifications or questions.

Sincerely,

Kate Eagles  
Chair, North Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council

cc: Susan Gorin  
others?