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To the Rapid City Planning Commission

Rapid City Growth
Management Department

My name is Jay Selby. My family and I have lived on West Nike Road for the last ten years. It has been brought to my attention that the future plans for the road include a "T" intersection to accommodate the new housing development on the north side of West Nike Road.

Upon visiting the planning and zoning office earlier this year about the development I was told that it would not interfere with my trucking business, meaning any changes to the road. Since that time I have observed the changes they would like to make to the road and have revisited the planning and zoning office and viewed the plans. As it stands right now the way it is marked and the way it has been explained to me, I feel it would not be feasible with my trucks and trailers and any other long vehicles such as school buses and pickups pulling horse trailers to make a wide enough turn safely if these types of vehicles have to come to a complete stop, then to get enough momentum going to get up the low grade hill, especially in the winter time when the roads are icy and snow packed. I understand the road will be only 20ft wide and that is not wide enough, it is barely wide enough now.

Another question I have is now that the city has annexed part of West Nike Road and we live just past the annexation part of the highway, who will be responsible for plowing the highway? West Nike Road is also a bus route and I have a child who does ride the bus, will the roads be plowed so the bus can get there?

My suggestion is to put the stop sign on the road coming out of the housing development and to widen the curve. I feel it would be the

safest way to do it for all those who use the road north of the development.

We would greatly appreciate that you reconsider the plan proposed now and consider how it will affect the neighboring people who already live there and use the road frequently.

Thank you for your time.

Jay and Erin Selby

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