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HIGHWAY SAFETY

As a concerned citizen and former Highway Patrol officer, I've conducted a 'safety survey' and researched the steps needed to be taken preventing accidents and potential loss of life on Hwy 89 with regard to the current intersections. In the course of my research, I've spoken with the following Utah agencies: UDOT, Statewide Highway Information and Analysis Center, Dep't of Public Safety, UT Highway Patrol, and Vulnerable Roadway (Hwy 89) Users Program Manager, Utah Department of Public Safety, Highway Safety Office.

Each of the above mentioned agencies stated that a 'safety survey' should be conducted when a town or city is considering a development resulting in increased traffic flow. Further, I contacted Planning & Zoning in: Page, AZ, Kanab, Hurricane, St. George, and Mesquite, NV. All contacts stated a 'safety survey' should be undertaken when there is a potential increase of traffic volume, and each of these cities in fact, had a 'safety survey' conducted prior to developmental permits.

The 'Safety Survey' is performed at the sole expense of the Developer(s).

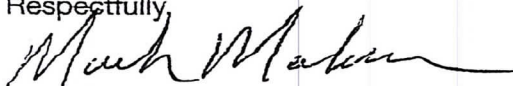
Hwy 89 is dangerous!! We all know someone who's had a 'near death' experience (I've had several close calls) while trying to turn off of or on to 89 within the Big Water town limits! With the current rapid growth and increased volume of tourism in Southern Utah and Big Water, the dangerous road conditions will increase exponentially. 'Airbnb' has stated there is a "224% increase in searches of places to stay in our area over the same time period as last year".

DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE: Continuing an action or failing to stop an action, when known, which could cause injury or death. For instance, moving forward with growth without ensuring the proper infrastructure is in place. Unfortunately, the town didn't foresee all the ramifications of a 'concentrated' growth site.

In speaking with Representatives and Engineers of the Dep't of Highway Safety in Salt Lake City, the 'Safety Survey' has to be executed by a State approved engineering firm. I was given the name of the engineering firm: Horrocks Engineers, John Dorney, PE, 2162 W. Grove Parkway, Ste 400, Pleasant Grove, UT 84062. Ph. 801-763-5276. Email: johnd@horrocks.com.

In closing. In light of the information gathered from State, County, and City representatives, I'm requesting this information be voted on positively at this P&Z meeting so that it can be presented to the next Town Council meeting for discussion and implementation. My presentation at this next P&Z meeting will have more in depth information. I can provide more detail upon request.

Respectfully,


Mark Maham