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Monica Sullivan, Chair
Urban Design Commission
Municipality of Anchorage
PO Box 196650
Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6650
RE: CASE: 2016-0012 (Yosemite Drive)

Chair Sullivan,

Thank you and your Commission Members in advance for their consideration of the following comments related to the improvements for Yosemite Drive, (MOA/PM&E Project #13-36). This road upgrade has been and remains the South Fork Community Council's (SoFCC) number one priority project for several years.

The package for review and comments requested for your upcoming meeting on February 10, 2016 were not received by the SoFCC in time for review at our January 7, 2016 meeting. The SoFCC met at our monthly meeting on February 4, 2016 to review and discuss. I also attended the Eagle Pointe Homeowner's Association (EPHA) Annual Meeting on January 20, 2016 and heard their concerns as well. During the review, the SoFCC Members and EPHA present were deeply concerned about the 1000 foot median being proposed along the north bound entrance to Yosemite Drive. The proposed median and one lane of north bound traffic present a serious safety concern to the residents that attended these meetings. The proposed median will not allow "First Responders" or anyone else for that matter to pass if a disabled vehicle is blocking the flow of traffic. In addition, there is not a clear line of sight the entire 1000 feet and emergency vehicles making a left turn onto Yosemite Drive will not see an obstruction until after they are on the north bound lane. Based on the inclusion of this median, the SofCC passed the following resolution.

Be it resolved: "The South Fork Community Council requests that MOA/PM&E project 13-36 add a second lane in the first one thousand feet of the north bound lane on Yosemite Drive for safety reasons and that the project includes the existing requirements in the subdivision agreement."

Further, it is requested that that the UDC delay action on Yosemite Drive until you have the opportunity to review the additional comments or concerns that the Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board of Supervisors provide after their special meeting on February 10, 2016.

Thank you again for your consideration on this matter. If there are any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at 907-223-6190.

Respectfully,



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President, South Fork Community Council

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