

Agoura Village Specific Plan Workshop No. 2

Comments

- 1. We now live in a fire zone, too big**
- 2. I am fully opposed to more housing in this area especially since the project is bottled up to brush given the forest/brush fires we are sure to have.**
- 3. Retail shops are not what we need due to the new way of doing commerce via Amazon, also the high rent of retailers. Idea – a food hall for diversified restaurants – wine tasting, cooking classes, artisanal local markets. It will still be a traffic nightmare no matter what we do!**
- 4. I feel the AVSP is very good in its present form. I do not want to see changes to it.**
- 5. Hotels are an important component of the AV and should be retained. They are low impact on the community and good for both economic development and city tax revenue.**
- 6. Traffic is not seasonal. It is daily, impacted and dangerous; for emergency critical.**
- 7. Capturing the unique character of Agoura Hills doesn't constitute building such a large monstrosity of buildings.**
- 8. We do not need more retail. We already have so many vacancies in every shopping center.**
- 9. Please enact the gas free construction ordinance for Agoura Hills.**
- 10. This is definitely “not” the vision that was sold to us in early 2000's. Fitting redlining it to fit existing applications won't help.**

11. Development so heavy on Kanan is a huge safety concern for me as you will be creating a dangerous bottleneck for future evacuations of the Canyon and Malibu. No doubt the area will end up being developed but it should be done so responsibly with the safety of current and future residents fully contemplated. I feel it can be developed with another area (not Kanan) considered for apartments. Scale this back for safety.
12. I am deeply opposed to this building. Living in Malibu Lake, it will create terrible traffic particularly in summer, which in case of a fire would cause great damage and potential loss of life. In summer it would be miserable. Also, no summer traffic studies is unacceptable and dangerous! It would cut off our only exit out in case of wildfire because of all the additional traffic.
13. Thank you for drawing attention to the necessary growth & development to keep our kids here.
14. Who is to profit from this destruction of our environment? Our property values of private homes will be destroyed.
15. What family of young kids will want to walk across a freeway overpass (living N. on Kanan) to go to AVSP? That is NOT pedestrian friendly. We would have to drive there even though we live less than a mile away.
16. Since traffic is a main concern for safety, access in and out of evac routes – as well as every day congestion, we should hold approval of individual projects until all AV EIR's are submitted.
17. Parking on Agoura Road and Kanan Road is not feasible without removing mature Oak trees. It has been said that “transplant” then but that seldom works with mature trees.
18. The traffic study must include the weekends in the summer too. Summer beach traffic is horrible gridlock.
19. Please do not insult us by saying you can manage 18,000 more cars in the area.
20. City of Malibu recently designated Kanan northbound as evac route for ¼ their residents. Have the studies been updated to include this? It was just approved by the County.

21. No way you can walk S. on Kanan. I walk everywhere and it's too dangerous. Not a pedestrian walkway to this project. Already a brand new Marriott, less than a minute away. Empty restaurant near LA Fitness, no tenant, over a year now.
22. Malibu will use Kanan for evacuation whether it is promoted as such or not. Don't insult us.
23. Kanan Road may not be "promoted as a primary evacuation route from Malibu" but it is absolutely used as a primary necessary evacuation route from Malibu residents. It is not realistic and dishonest to say that it will not be used. I work in Malibu and have been isolated several times because of road closures.
24. Kanan being "promoted" as an evacuation route doesn't matter, the nature of the canyon and homes in the area and beyond to Malibu makes it a no questions asked evac route.
25. We encourage incorporating a roundabout at the Kanan/Agoura Road interchange and preserving Agoura Road as a 2-lane road between Kanan & Liberty Canyon.
26. Kanan road is the primary evacuation route for the majority of the Oak Park community. This must be taken into consideration.
27. Evacuation on Kanan has to be considered because so many people live South in Agoura and Cornell, Malibou Lake, etc. These people need to be included.
28. More lighting along Agoura Road for pedestrians and cyclists. Reduce speed to 30 mph or less please. Encourage cyclists and pedestrians.
29. Reduce Agoura Road corridor from 45 mph to 30 mph to protect pedestrians & cyclists. Create pedestrian friendly overpass, walking sidewalk across Kanan & 101 Freeway.
30. Vaping, Tattoo, and Marijuana stores
31. Why wasn't AB52 followed by Cornerstone? Phase 3 excavation of Archeology sites is not mitigation. Salvage Arch is not mitigation. Removal is not mitigation, Preserving is the only mitigation, avoiding the site is the only mitigation.

32. **Make room for extremely low income units too. Make room for permanent supportive housing in the village.**
33. **Thank you for a very informative meeting. Would it be feasible to put it on the ballot?**
34. **Kanan is designated as an evacuation route.**
35. **Building right into the foothill. In the last 3 years we now live in a fire zone that will get worse. I see no consideration to the size of this and climate change, No mention of new normal.**
36. **In emergency if they do not use Kanan, where do they go? I had a hard time getting out on the 101 East during the Woolsey Fire.**
37. **The location of the planned development is adjacent to a natural habitat where wildlife is abundant. The use of rodent poisons in this area will negatively impact our wildlife. The current plan does not include information on rodent-prevention methods. Below are suggestions for the Agoura Village Specific Plan:**
 - a. **Ensure dumpster and recycling areas are clean at all times**
 - b. **Place 24/7 locks on dumpsters for containing trash**
 - c. **Safeguard recycling and dumpster areas to block unauthorized access**
 - d. **Initiate training for staff on rodent-prevention practices**
 - e. **Utilize options such as owl boxes or raptor poles as natural alternatives to traps**
 - f. **Assure greaser areas are monitored and cleaned**
 - g. **Plant repellent plants such as mint, lavender, rosemary, sage, marigolds, snapdragons, or geraniums**
 - h. **For new construction establish mandatory final inspections of buildings to ensure closure of possible access points**
 - i. **Require regular cleaning of parking lots**
 - j. **Refrain from planting non-native fruit trees such as palm trees or fig trees**

I appreciate your opposition to the sale and use of rodenticides, as noted in Resolution No. 14 -1742. I look forward to the day when we no longer have to worry about the dangers rodent poisons pose to our wildlife, domestic pets, and children in Agoura Hills.

38. There is new significant information not known at the time AVSP was approved. Agoura Road and Kanan and the southwestern on ramp to the Kanan Bridge is at capacity now with unsafe frequent backups in those intersections at peak times. If built out at the old “worst case scenario density” the AVSP will add 21,000 new vehicle trips daily without even yet one single project built. We are asking you decision makers to take ACTION now and not just merely listen. You have the legal right to amend this plan for less density translates into less traffic generated on these roads which can’t be lengthened and/or widened are at capacity now. The AVSP roundabout has been eliminated from this specific plan. This major change worsened the traffic impacts significantly. This major plan change to a regular intersection worsened the function of that intersection significantly. We request that your first ACTION should be in regards to the AVE (in Zone A) project. The City lacks sufficient land for senior housing. Senior housing generates the least amount of traffic of any of the studied uses for the AVE project per AVSP traffic study. Secondly, the “less density” alternative in the AVE environmental document should also eliminate all 3 story buildings. Not only mitigates building massing and density, but also is consistent with our general plan’s aesthetic section. Third, we request that the AVE environmental document also include its “less density” alternative: a project which eliminates all retail as there is no market for it now a decade and one half later from the date of the original enviro doc. The Whizin Center can handle all the needed retail. Please show the community that you will take ACTION to make additional changes to all the projects including the AVE in the AVSP specific plan. Act to add current up to date AVSP objectives should be: to meet market demand, to not worsen intersections already over capacity, and to meet critical housing needs.

39. I am not a fan of the AVSP as it is defined today. I will look in detail to the documents that are on the City's website to educate myself posted from Workshop 2, as I have reviewed the slides. I think Agoura Hills has a poor record on planning and development and very little has benefitted the lifestyle of the community and has forced us to seek entertainment, dining and retail venues in neighboring cities and communities. That is unfortunate and short sighted. Even buying furniture requires trips to other cities and browsing the internet. Truly a vision and a plan driven by special interests to anoint Agoura Hills a destination for furniture retail was short sighted and appears to have played to the special interests of likes of the families of Reeds and Wickmans. Right or wrong, perception is reality.

I must say, I am proud to say we have a La-Z-Boy store in our city. Had their been a true innovative visionary that saw the opportunity to make the Canwood corridor a pedestrian

open air entertainment, dining and retail center similar to "The Commons" or "The Westlake Promenade," that 1.4 mile stretch of road could have been used far better. Of course that is just one person's opinion. But now we are going to have a do over of sorts after missing the out twice, incorporated in the AVSP and turn the intersection and the Kanan corridor into a potential traffic nightmare. Again one person's humble opinion. Anyone who grew up in the San Fernando Valley has seen this scenario played out before. In the end, I am sure the plan will move forward and the City Council will claim they got community buy-in and high-five and pat themselves on the back.