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Good afternoon,

As we are all aware, a DUI accident closed Casserly Road at Smith Road and remains closed after all-day rerouting, 30-minute delays in getting to schools and jobs. Thousands of residents of Watsonville and unincorporated Watsonville were affected. School offices were inundated with late admissions, teachers had to deal with children walking in late all day, thousands of people were late to work, all parents were delayed in getting their children to and from school and then to work ourselves.

When is a raised and renewed Paulsen Road operationally going to become a priority for the County....PLEASE?! Over 1,000 people signed a petition, dozens wrote and also attended County BoS meetings to speak.

The County of Santa Cruz fixed Mountain Charley Road recently for a handful of residents. We are over 4,000 a day using Paulsen.

1) **Safety** - parents need access to our kids at school, for emergencies as well as daily transportation. Today there was no way to get to Watsonville Charter at Whiting Rd or Alianza at Casserly besides East lake / 152.

2) **Traffic and lack of access between sides of our town** -something like this disturbed traffic patterns for a whole day and made thousands of people and kids late to work and school. Personally I could not get my kids to their school while people were waiting for me at my business to open the door. I had to take my kids to work for an hour and then go back to deliver them when traffic was back down.

3) **Alternatives are not great** - Casserly is not well lit, has a couple of places that are unsafe when traffic suddenly comes to a standstill--- 1) at Wheelock / towards Green Valley when traffic holds up suddenly it can be almost a sudden stop due to lack of forward visibility on the winding road and --- 2) at Mount Madonna road/Casserly store there is a three way switch where a person turning left onto Mt Madonna from Casserly has to nearly stop with traffic behind them that cannot see up ahead, to turn left there you also have to look way to the right to see just in time if a car is coming towards MM road from Casserly on the east/ 152 side (I live this dream every day driving my son to Mount Madonna)

Please prioritize the raised road that Paulsen should be, to protect driving access, and the wetlands.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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Homeowner on Paulsen Road, parent of school-aged children and business owner on East Lake Avenue

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