

November 7, 2012

Jay Harrington Town of Carbondale 511 Colorado Avenue Carbondale, CO 81623

Re: State Highway 133 Access Control Plan – Access Point 83

Dear Jay:

Colorado Rocky Mountain School has some concerns with the current draft of the Access Control Plan ("ACP"). We did not request an access point on school property. The School's master plan does not call for development of its open space or any other impediments to its view plane. As such, access point 83 does not seem possible without condemnation of school property. Our initial reaction to the ACP was to urge Atkins, CDOT, and Town Staff to eliminate access point 83 and revert to a full movement intersection at Delores Way as was presented in the June 2012 version of the plan.

However, after further consideration of the ACP, the community problems that could be solved with an intersection at access point 83, and the needs of CRMS, we would like to offer a proposal that we feel is in the best interest of the entire community.

CRMS will support the ACP as currently presented, including the location of access point 83. In addition, at such time as Garfield County vacates the historic County Road 106 right-of-way through the residential core of the CRMS campus, CRMS will convey to the Town the necessary land to make a connection between Delores Way west of the Blue Roof Plaza and access point 83.

We believe that conveyance of the land between Delores Way and access point 83 at the time of the vacation of the historic 106 right-of-way will accomplish the following goals of the entire community: First, vacation of the 106 right-of-way will allow us to exercise control over whom can access our campus and thereby provide security to our student population; second, conveyance of the right-of-way to make the Delores Way connection will enable construction of a new signalized intersection at access point 83, thereby solving the current and future traffic dilemma at the Delores Way/Highway 133 intersection; and third, completion of the bike path on the west side of Highway 133 will provide trail users, our Satank neighbors, Carbondale Community School families, and all other pedestrians and cyclists with a safe and viable route.

We have the full support of the CRMS Board to make this proposal, but final agreements will be subject to our Board's approval. We request that the Town of Carbondale indicate in writing its support for this proposal, specifically including the Town's support for a request by CRMS to vacate the historic County Road 106 right-of-way. Once we have the Town's commitment for such support, we will file an application with Garfield County to vacate the 106 right-of-way in a manner consistent with this proposal.

Thank you in advance for bringing this concept to the attention of Town Trustees.

Sincerely,

Joe White

cc: Mayor Stacy Patch Bernot Daniel Roussin Larry Green

## **Colorado Rocky Mountain School**