Sahuarita Town Council

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Dear Members of Sahuarita Town Council,

Please require Hudbay to develop and release to the public a traffic plan that characterizes the total amount of traffic that its Copper World project would generate, along with an analysis of how this traffic would affect health, safety, and quality of live in and near the Town of Sahuarita. Even the relatively few trucks now travelling to the mine site along unpaved Santa Rita Road are causing a huge dust problem, which will only get worse as traffic increases.

We know from Hudbay’s most recent plans that they would access the mine site via I-19, E. Sahuarita Rd and Santa Rita Road. This means Copper World's heavy trucks would bisect Sahuarita's main commercial corridor hindering access to Sahuarita’s elementary, middle and high schools, recreational facilities, churches and government offices. The trucks will carry copper concentrate, diesel fuel, and other hazardous chemicals like sulfuric acid, and explosives.

The heavy truck traffic will likely result in more frequent traffic accidents, injuries, and deaths. The heavy trucks are in addition to daily commuter traffic for more than 1,200 workers during two years of construction and about 500 during operation.

Although the exact number of trucks is unknown, a 2013 Environmental Impact Statement for the Rosemont Mine, now part of the Copper World project, estimated 110 one-way heavy truck trips per day.

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