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**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 11:22 AM  
**To:** sancouncil <[sancouncil@mysanibel.com](mailto:sancouncil@mysanibel.com)>  
**Subject:** 3 way stop at Rabbit Road

Dear City Council

We will not be able to attend the city council meeting Tuesday, December 15 and therefore am sending this email.

We are against the installation of a stop sign at Rabbit Road. This appears to be directly serving some council members that have a business on Rabbit Road. They should probably be exempt from voting as it is a conflict of interest.

We have never had a stop sign there and in the many years that we have lived here we have noted that traffic is much less than it was, say in the mid 80's.

The intersection of Casa Y Bel Road and Jerry's shopping center is a much busier shopping center and traffic area and this seems to be handled during peak traffic times by having a traffic director.

Thank you,

Ellen Mayeron and Mark McQuade

## Scotty L. Kelly

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**From:** Bill Rigsby <billrigsby@kw.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 12, 2025 11:23 PM  
**To:** Mike.Miller@mysanibel.com

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Mr. Miller,

Concerning the proposed stop sign at the Rabbit Road/Sancap intersection that was approved at the 11/4 council meeting....What a disastrous idea!

Did council consider the added travel time for full time residents like my wife and I who live on the West end?

(35mph on Sancap is already a nuisance, only exacerbated by site-seeing tourist and that darn new school zone flashing speed sign where EVERYONE slows to 20mph no matter what the time or day of the week it is.....even Sundays!) At the very least, was a traffic study done?

This is just another totally unnecessary encumbrance. There is no problem here that needs to be solved.....yet! Just consider the added travel time for residents like myself who live on the West end after this 3 way stop creates a Periwinkle style traffic nightmare in an area that currently flows just fine. I mean sure, its sometimes frustrating to turn West off Rabbit Road onto SanCap.....but my family has managed it for 25+ years! Maybe a traffic controlled stoplight instead, or a "merge lane" addition similar to the Donax and Periwinkle intersection, or even add an entrance into the new Bit of Baileys at the West end of Rosalitas parking lot on Sancap to reduce the intersection traffic.....but not a 3 way stop, please!

Additionally, did coucil discuss the impact to bicycle safety and a need for a re-alignment of the location of the existing bike path crossing in conjunction with the location of an added stop sign (because the path crossing is well West of the actual road intersection)? I can't imagine the impact of heading East on SanCap, stopping for the cyclists crossing, then stopping AGAIN for a stop sign a few feet up.....thus blocking the bike path. Or worse....heading West on SanCap, stopping for the new stop sign, traveling through the intersection just to stop AGAIN for bicyclists. What will the car behind me, (or turning off Rabbit Road) do then.....rear end me? Terrible situation!

I usually keep up with the council agenda items, but this one slipped right by me! Please take our objection under consideration at the Dec 16th council meeting.

Thanks so much, and thanks for your service.

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 4, 2025 1:23:21 PM

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**Cc:** [john@sanibel-captiva.org](mailto:john@sanibel-captiva.org) <[john@sanibel-captiva.org](mailto:john@sanibel-captiva.org)>

**Subject:** Sanibel Transportation Plan - New Stop Sign

Dear Mr Mayor and City Council,

I hope this email finds you well. I apologize for my recent absence from meetings due to weekly work travel.

Recently, my wife was involved in a road rage hit and run accident on SanCap Rd, which has been exacerbated by the current transportation plan. Our entire plan is designed to slow down traffic, which breeds frustration, erratic driving, and substantial costs for homeowners.

For those of us who reside on the west end, we can demonstrate the flaws in the current plan and propose adjustments or alternative approaches to accommodate the realities of our community.

The world we live in today is fundamentally different from the pre-lan era. Unfortunately, we have lost a significant portion of our older population and we have not made efforts to replace it. The only way our island can survive is by attracting new younger families, working professionals, and a younger retired population. However, we continue to implement measures that make ourselves less attractive to these groups.

This begins with our transportation plan. It is not feasible for people to live on Sanibel and commute to Fort Myers without significant inconvenience. If we understand who our potential homebuyers and taxpayers are, we must adapt to a new world in which we all reside and cannot deny.

It has come to my attention that you are planning to install a stop sign at Rabbit Road as pilot program. This decision is detrimental to everyone and especially those who live on the west end of the island. We signed up for a longer commute than those who reside closer to Periwinkle but we did not sign up for this. Traffic is already slow and adding a stop sign will only exacerbate the road rage issues that are unfortunately all too common on SanCap Rd. As always, I am willing to express my concerns freely. We must expedite a new plan so that we remain attractive to hopeful future island residents.

Below are several ideas that could help speed up the island while maintaining our core goals of keeping people and wildlife safe:

## Ideas to Consider:

1) Refrain from installing a stop sign on San Cap Road. This action will result in unnecessary traffic congestion.

2) Increase the speed limit on San Cap Road to 40 miles per hour. This will ban all low speed vehicles which are honestly unsafe on SanCap Rd. They should be allowed on Periwinkle but someone is going to get seriously hurt one day on that SanCap. It's unsafe and inefficient.

### 3) Roadway Regulations:

\* Golf Carts (LSVs): Prohibit the use of golf carts on the roadway on San/Cap. They should be allowed and permitted in business and resort districts, their presence on the main roads should be restricted due to the limited capacity of the roadways.

\* Bicycles: Encourage the use of bicycles on the bike path and not the roadway. The city has established a multimillion-dollar bike path that should be utilized by cyclists. Bicycles on the roadways poses a safety risk and hinders traffic flow.

### 4) Road Safety Measures:

\* Crosswalk Signage: Modify crosswalk signs that currently encourage drivers to slow down or stop at the crosswalks, even when there are no cyclists present. Implement a blinking light system to enhance visibility. Allow cyclists to wait for a designated time, such as 30 seconds, before crossing the road under a blinking crosswalk. This one small change can speed up traffic flow throughout the island.

\* Road Signs: Add road signs that emphasize the importance of sharing the road, maintaining a safe speed, and adhering to traffic flow regulations.

\* Police Enforcement: Utilize the police department to enforce traffic laws, including speeding tickets, slow speed tickets, and traffic violations. Driving at speeds, such as 15 MPH on San/Cap is not only dangerous but also impedes traffic flow.

### 5. School Zone Management:

\* Improved School Zone Signaling: Enhance the signaling system to effectively communicate the active status of school zones. Currently, it is very common for individuals slow down to 20 MPH on Sunday afternoons, which is due to aggressive and confusing signage.

### 6. Community Engagement and Marketing:

\* Attracting New Residents: Recognize that our island is a precious resource and strive to maintain its unique character. However, to attract new residents, it is essential to adopt effective strategies. Slowing down traffic and increasing congestion are not conducive to attracting new home buyers.

By implementing these measures, we can enhance road safety, promote community engagement, and attract new residents to our island. It is crucial to strike a balance between preserving our unique identity and ensuring the long-term prosperity of our community.

Regards  
Jason Cohen  
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**From:** Brian Murphy <[brianmurphyemail@yahoo.com](mailto:brianmurphyemail@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 29, 2025 11:46 AM  
**To:** Holly Smith <[Holly.Smith@mysanibel.com](mailto:Holly.Smith@mysanibel.com)>  
**Cc:** Mike Miller <[Mike.Miller@mysanibel.com](mailto:Mike.Miller@mysanibel.com)>; Richard Johnson <[richard.johnson@mysanibel.com](mailto:richard.johnson@mysanibel.com)>; John Henshaw <[John.Henshaw@mysanibel.com](mailto:John.Henshaw@mysanibel.com)>; Laura J. DeBruce <[laura.debruce@mysanibel.com](mailto:laura.debruce@mysanibel.com)>  
**Subject:** SanCap road

Holly,  
I saw your post on Facebook and feel compelled to write.

Yes, people exiting Rabbit road have to wait during busy season, but why are we inconveniencing 100 people driving on SanCap for every 1 person leaving Rabbit??? What about every other person on the other roads converging onto SanCap? Is the next step adding 10 more stop signs? This is an issue affecting a small population for 3 months out of the year...yet a stop sign will negatively affect thousands of people year round. Rumor has it that 2 city council members are among the small population. If so, I think they should recuse themselves from the decision or at least publicly disclose their bias.

While I saw that you said there was no discussion about changing the speed limit, let me state the following just in case:

Please enforce current laws before creating new ones.

Let me say that again: enforce current laws before creating new ones.

Reducing the speed limit on SanCap will be a nightmare for people trying to get to the shops on and off the island, and will eventually reduce our property values.

Please don't make living on the island harder than it already is.

Thanks,

Brian Murphy  
2510 Harbour Lane

**Scotty L. Kelly**

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**From:** Betsy Ventura <betsyventura@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 28, 2025 1:17 PM  
**To:** citymanager  
**Cc:** Dist1, Kevin Ruane; Marcel Ventura  
**Subject:** Opposition to New 3-way Stop and Speed reduction on Rabbit Road and San-Cap Drive

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Dear City Manager Souza and City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the recent decision to install a 3-way stop sign at the intersection of San-Cap drive and Rabbit Road, as well as to reduce the speed limit in that area. I have been a resident of Captiva and Sanibel since 1983 and currently own two businesses on Captiva, a property on Sanibel and a property on Captiva. These changes will have a direct and negative impact on my daily life, my businesses, and the many residents and visitors who travel west of this intersection.

Our community is still in the process of recovering from devastating effects of recent hurricanes. I am still displaced from my home and threatened that I may lose my homestead exemption if not in my home by January 1st. My home was bought in 1997 the economic impact of losing my exemption is beyond imaginable. Many reasons have delayed my rebuild: multiple hurricanes, eagle nest stop orders twice, contractor securing subs that don't want to come out due to traffic and length of travel time, etc. The added congestion and delays caused by these new traffic measures will only slow the recovery further, making it more difficult for residents, workers, and visitors to move efficiently across the island. As a business owner it is very difficult to get employees due to the travel time and distance.

I respectfully urge the City to reconsider these changes and to explore alternative solutions that maintain safety without impeding the flow of traffic vital to our community's recovery and economic health.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please share with members of Council and staff.

Sincerely,

Betsy Ventura  
5741 Pine Tree Drive, Sanibel  
11534 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva



## Scotty L. Kelly

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**From:** David Barnes <sharkshack@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 23, 2025 8:27 AM  
**To:** citymanager@mysanibel.com  
**Subject:** Stop sign at Rabbit Rd.

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Dear Mr Souza,

I've heard that you are considering installing a 3-way stop at the intersection of San-Cap and Rabbit road. I would be interested in knowing the reasoning for this decision.

Personally, I feel it is not needed and would cause traffic buildup on San-Cap and possibly cause motorists to speed to make up time. Additionally, entering San-Cap from Rabbit is not that difficult. I have never had a problem, even at peak traffic times.

Regards,  
David Barnes  
Kincaid Ct.

## Scotty L. Kelly

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**From:** Jeff Shuff <shuffjeff@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 19, 2025 12:32 PM  
**To:** citymanager@mysanibel.com  
**Subject:** Rabbit road stop signs

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I am opposed to making the intersection of rabbit road and san-cap road a three way stop. For the residents who live north of there, it would be a major problem in season. I can envision backups similar to the causeway intersection at peak times.

Jef Shuff- 50+ year resident  
9320 Kincaid ct.