

City councilmen make pitch for Greenley project

By AMY NILSON

Sonora's city councilmen made a joint appearance before the board of supervisors yesterday to pitch for the Greenley Rd. extension.

Four of the five councilmen urged the board to honor its promises and keep the 1.5-mile road project at the top of its priority list.

The \$5.5 million project calls for extending Greenley Rd. north to connect with Highway 49.

The board, with three new members who had never considered the extension before, balked at a request to start right of way acquisition for the road last month. They will reconsider it when the county's road study is released in coming weeks.

Mayor Jack Cassinetto, however, pointed out that the extension was cited as a condition of numerous subdivisions and other developments in the Greenley

and Cabezut Rd. area, to handle added traffic.

"North Washington St. is overburdened with high volumes of traffic that could otherwise use the Greenley Extension," Cassinetto wrote in a letter to the board. "Routing this Highway 49 traffic out and around downtown Sonora would improve our business environment as well as improve pedestrian and driver safety."

He also noted that the county has spent a lot of money on the project already, completing environmental study, engineering and mapping. "It will be a tremendous waste of public funds if this project does not come to fruition," the letter read.

"Just keep it moving forward," Cassinetto asked the board.

Supervisors accepted the letter and council members comments with thanks, but had no response.



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ROAD PITCH — Sonora Mayor Jack Cassinetto, backed by council members (from left) Don Calvert, Jim Hildreth and Ron

Stearns, asked the board of supervisors to stick to its approved plans for extending Greenley Rd. to the north.

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