MIDDLETON CITY COUNCIL MAY 1, 2024

The Middleton City Council Meeting was called to order on May 1, 2024, at 5:34 p.m. by Mayor Jackie Hutchison. This Meeting was held in the Trolley Station at 310 Cornell Ave.

Roll Call: City Council: Council President Kiser and Council Members O'Meara, Christiansen and Murray were all present.

Mayor Jackie Hutchison, City Attorney City Attorney, Mr. Waterman, City Administrator Ms. Hobbs, Planning & Zoning Official Ms. Stewart, Public Works Director Mr. Van Gilder, and Deputy Clerk Ms. Reynolds and Deputy Clerk Ms. Day were present.

Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation: Gary Erickson – Canyon Springs Christian Church

Action Items A. Approve Agenda

Motion: Motion by President Kiser approving the Amended Agenda posted April 26, 2024, 4:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilman O'Meara and approved unanimously.

Public Comment on Non-Public Hearing Items of City Business (3 min each) *No public comment*

Action Item:

- 1. Consent Agenda (items of routine administrative business)
 - a. Consider approving minutes for City Council April 17, 2024, Regular meeting.
 - b. Consider ratifying payroll for April 19, 2024, in the amount of \$173,565.61.
 - c. Consider approving accounts payable through April 5, 2024, in the amount of \$.48,356.27.
 - d. Consider approving the Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law and Order for Ordinance 693 regarding School Capacity.

Council President Kiser called the items and stated that he had reviewed the accounts payable. Nothing was out of the ordinary.

Motion: Motion by President Kiser approving Consent Agenda Items 1 a-d. Motion seconded by Councilman Christiansen and approved unanimously.

2. Consider approving the installation of a memorial bench to be donated by Mr. and Mrs. Rogers in honor of their daughter, Alexis Rogers, at Middleton Place Park or other alternate location. - Ms. Hobbs

Mayor Hutchison called the item and Ms. Hobbs explained the request of a memorial bench to be donated by the Rogers to the City and placed in Middleton Place Park in honor of Alexis Rogers.

Motion: Motion by President Kiser approving the installation of a memorial bench to be donated by Mr. and Mrs. Rogers in honor of their daughter, Alexis Rogers, at Middleton

Place Park or other alternate location as the City sees fit. Motion seconded by Councilman Christiansen and approved unanimously.

3. Consider authorizing the Mayor to execute a task order with Baer Design Group to expand their Riverwalk Master Plan development scope to address increased environmental permitting requirements associated with USACE regulations of wetlands within the proposed park footprint. – Mr. Van Gilder

Mayor Hutchison stated the item will be tabled to May 15, 2024. Mr. Van Gilder gave a brief update of the project, and stated he will have more information and the full scope of work at the next council meeting.

No action taken.

4. Public Hearing: City Application to amend the Comprehensive Plan Maps to show the State Highway 44 Alternate Bypass. The specific Comprehensive Plan Maps to be changed are: (1) Transportation, Schools & Recreation Map, (2) Transit Map, (3) Functional Classification Map, and (4) Future Acquisitions Map. - Ms. Stewart

Mayor Hutchison opened the public hearing at 5:47 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Official Ms. Stewart gave a presentation of the City Application to amend the Comprehensive Plan Maps to show the State Highway 44 Alternate Bypass. (Exhibit 1). She added as late exhibits to the staff report (Exhibits G and H).

Ms. Stewart answered Council questions regarding changing the corridor on the map. What is being represented is just a concept. Councilman Murray stated that what is represented is not what the P&Z Commission requested.

Ms. Stewart said that ITD would be able to answer the Council's other questions about timing and location.

Mayor Hutchison opened the public comment.

Theresa Denham – In Favor: She likes that a bypass could allow Middleton City control over Main Street. She is wary a couplet option could cause that control to be lost.

Mike Graefe – Opposed: There is no reason to have two main roads going through town. The bypass is going right through prime development land by the river. He is vehemently opposed.

Howard Ronkin – In Favor: The bypass on the Comprehensive Plan is a foundational step moving forward.

Tyler Hess – Opposed: He is one of the developers with River Walk. They are currently finishing up phase 2 of the subdivision and the connection of Sawtooth Lake Dr to SH44 from the roundabout should be completed this summer. They have multiple LOI's that are piling up, and millions of development costs because people are backing out because they don't know what will happen. He and his team have been working with ITD on a route that would work for his development and ITD.

Councilman Murray: Stated that the majority of the city's new commercial will be in the River Walk Subdivision.

Ray Waltemate: The swath presented doesn't represent the bypass. There are 7 options south of Main Street ITD is doing research. He thinks the council has no voice if they don't put it back on the comp plan maps.

Alan Mills – Opposed: He left prior to public testimony.

Janet Gregory – In Favor: Believes having an alternate route won't kill anything. She doesn't want to see downtown destroyed.

Alicia Beeson – Opposed: She lives right behind the proposed area for the bypass. She believes the Mill Creek Plaza is needed and likes the River Walk Park plan. She would like to see downtown revitalized by widening SH44.

Greg Payne – Opposed: He is a 3rd generation farmer. Everyone talks about how important it is to keep AG land, until they want something, then it all changes. He is opposed to the original bypass, likes the idea of concept 3.

Darin Taylor – In Favor: He believes that transportation planning takes priority over land use planning. He referred to the Local Roadway Jurisdiction Perspective submitted at part of Exhibit G, authored by Bruce Bayne the District Director for Highway District No. 4. Mr. Taylor believes adding the bypass to the comp plan maps is the smart thing to do and benefits the majority of residents for the greater good.

Tyson Sparrow – Opposed: Agrees with Mr. Payne. He is tired of the hypocrisy of people who say they are for agriculture/farmland but want to put a bunch of concrete through the only natural resource in this town. We already have a road that goes right through the middle of town. He asked ITD at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting if nothing goes on the comprehensive plan can they still go through with the PEL study? The answer was yes. Are there still options that ITD will come to the city with? The answer was yes. Making a decision either for or against this has no effect on what ITD will do. He has lived in Middleton for 13 years. He is frustrated with people moving here for a reason, trying to make it the same place they moved away from.

Heidal Summers – Opposed: Appreciates the fellow commissioners providing clarification of the planning and zoning meeting. She agrees we need an option. But not something that is 45 miles per hour in the proposed area of the bypass. There are great bypass options already in place. Loves the River Walk Park plan.

Cheryl Palange – In Favor: We need an alternate route. Turning SH44 into 4 lanes will not help.

Mayor Hutchison called for a brief recess and the meeting resumed at 6:58 p.m.

David Luiz – In Favor: At the April 8th at the P&Z Meeting there was a lot of good discussion. He believes that the Commissioners voted no, not because the bypass was not desired, but because of the line that was drawn. He doesn't want to see SH44 widened like Star. He prefers Eagle. He believes that if ITD were to turn SH44 over to the City, they would have to do so, making sure the bridges and road were up to date. He believes the bypass is the best practical solution.

Councilman Murray: The cost of maintaining Main Street could easily create the City's single most maintenance expense. In his opinion, owning Main Street is a problem.

Cindee Powell – In Favor: She is torn. AG land needs to be preserved not just in the City, but the County as well. She thinks looking at different options is best, and it is best to have it on the Comp Plan.

Bruce Bayne Hwy District No. 4 – In Favor: Presented the presentation submitted in the Exhibit G. Hwy District 4 controls all roads outside of Middleton except SH44. ITD wants to get construction going.

President Kiser: ITD will do what they want. He doesn't see how putting a swath for the bypass on the Comp Plan map will make a difference. The city no longer owns the Mill Creek Plaza land.

Councilman Murray: Most of the city owned land that the bypass will effect is being used for the pilot project. He is concerned the city could lose too much acreage at a cost to taxpayers of about \$25 million.

Matthew Watkins – Opposed: He agrees we need alternatives to address the traffic in town. Let ITD do their work, they are doing a fantastic job. They are willing to work with the developers of River Walk to find a route that works. He recused himself from the P&Z vote because he previously owned land in the River Walk Development. Drawing lines on a map is dangerous. Wars are started that way. We need to stop fear mongering and driving wedges in the community.

Luke Smart – In Favor: He believes businesses would be affected if SH44 is widened. He likes the bypass in a similar way Eagle did it.

Matt Wilke – Opposed: He is in favor of doing the one-way couplet and keeping the main roads under ITD maintenance. People are worried about widening SH44, how it could affect parking and accessibility to businesses. He would like to keep the speed limit down to keep downtown walkable and the River Walk . He stated that he saw on Facebook that Mike McDougal had spoken with Jackie Hutchison and that she had said "it would break her heart to bulldoze SH44." If we hear things like this, it puts fear in our community that we are going to bulldoze through town and is not helpful. He would like to see updates from ITD on the City website. He believes without a plan from ITD, we are wasting time.

Don Reynolds – Opposed: He believes ITD should be allowed to finish the PEL study. The city is in the process of amending the Comprehensive Plan with input from the community, that process should be allowed to be completed. ITD is worried about regional traffic, he would like them to take a closer look at where that traffic is coming from and going to and through Middleton. It is Council's responsibility to consider local traffic, onto, off of and across SH44 as it pertains to the city. He thinks reducing the speed limit is in order and doesn't know why we should be concerned about how fast people get through our city. He is mindful that widening SH44 will affect business but thinks more harm to businesses is done by those on social media. SH44 needs work. The best way to support local businesses is to

support them. Get to know them, and be patient during the construction, but still frequent the businesses. Downtown Eagle traffic is represented as an example of something that works. It is a congestion mess, and even with. He believes the Middle School pick up and drop off on SH44 is a problem and should be addressed as long as parents choose to drive their kids instead of letting them ride buses. For a while Facebook was a place to post about the good things in our community, he hopes we can get back to that mentality rather than the bickering & arguing and doom & gloom.

John Stevenson – Opposed: He is a representative of Idaho Materials and Construction. They own and operate many properties in Middleton. He is concerned about the general plan. He hopes Council will be a voice of reason as we work through a plan. We need something. They are doing work on land that would be greatly affected by the "swath". He has a hard time approving routes that go through high impact areas.

Mike McDougal – In Favor: There has been a lot of good discussion and good ideas. We don't know what will happen. If it goes through town, we know it will be a 5-lane road. There is not a lot of space for this widening, ITD has reached out to the city and said to put this idea back on the Comprehensive Plan map. They want to work with us, in a way that works with the city. Come to the table and give a statement that your city is in favor of working with us. This is not the old bypass. We like the idea of working with them. It seems like the previous administration wasn't willing to work with ITD. We should come to the table like ITD has.

Janet Gibson – In Favor: This gives us an opportunity to have options. Small town feel isn't just an attitude. Backed up traffic changes her attitude really fast. This conversation is not about which route, but a route. It will be a conversation and negotiation with all parties involved. ITD is here because they want to work with us. Let's give them a chance. But they can't if we don't put something back on the Comp Plan.

Patrick Edwards – He has been an Idaho resident for a long, long time. He owns a house that will back right up to the bypass. During construction and even after it would be unbearable. He is concerned that the Crane Creek Development would not happen. When he first purchased his house 3 years ago, there was no mention of a road going there. He understands why ITD and Hwy District 4 would be in favor of this, it will relieve them of the expense of maintaining SH44 when we the residents will have to take over Main Street going through town.

Jason Brinkman – District Engineer for Southwest Idaho – ITD: He is not here to advocate for any particular outcome. His intention is to explain what he thinks are questions about the action before Council regarding the Comprehensive Plan and ITD's Planning and Environmental Linkage Process and central process actions. ITD attempts to serve the residents along the route. The objective for the highway is to build a highway for residents use and needs. The PEL study reflects that. The purpose of the study is fourfold.

Purpose of PEL Study:

- Address traffic and congestion as it exits already today
- Plan for and accommodate the future growth on the route, which is projected to about double in the next 20-25 years.

- Provide for the safest possible corridor and make improvements to safety to the extent that they can.
- Provide for multi-modal facilities moving forward to accommodate pedestrian, bicycles and transit to the nature it exists as well as automobiles.

ITD has identified the need for additional through lanes of traffic on SH44. Just for the development that is here today, the development has been approved and the forecast of what is to come. ITD is currently studying the improvements needed to an existing highway, SH44. The limits of the study are from I-84 to Star Rd. For much of that highway, ITD is proposing to widen the width of the highway. Between Emmett and Duff Lane, ITD has long been considered a bypass 55 mph and 5 lanes. They have amended that thinking and are considering 3 concepts in the PEL study. Widening through town is unlikely to increase the speed limit. Southern Bypass not more than 45 mph. Couplet options not more than 35 mph.

(He then explained the next phases of the PEL process when looking at the alternatives)

He clarified that the responsibility of maintenance stays with ITD until they turn over the road in "like new" condition or negotiate to pay the City.

Mayor Hutchison – Asked if he remembered meeting with her in November, Bruce Bayne, and Dan McElhaney the COO of ITD had all been discussing. She stated that one of her biggest concerns was maintaining SH44 though town. It was brought to her attention that a large portion of the land purchased for the alternate route would be purchased from the City. And we could use that money to pay for future maintenance. The second item discussed was time. ITD would work through PEL study as quickly and efficiently as possible and fast forward it. She was told by Dan McElhaney from ITD the environmental study would be complete in 12 months, and they would start breaking ground in an additional 12 months. So that means that it would be about 2-2/12 years if the PEL study is propelled as it is now. Had we not removed it from the comp plan a few years ago, it would have been completed or half-way completed. Does he remember that conversation?

Mr. Brinkman – He does. ITD does pay for fair market value for property. The timeframes for this project vary based on the PEL study. The PEL is currently on schedule to look at preferred alternatives by late this year. If it results in a relatively consensus alternative, then the lower-class action NEPA document is needed and they can start the design of some type of alternative route and then the Right of Way purchase is minimal of that route he anticipates being able to start construction in 18-24 months. If they use the existing SH44 route, that would extend the Right of Way purchase process to closer to a 2 year right of way process. The couplet option is newer and would be somewhere in the middle.

Councilman O'Meara: Do you need us to actually put this on the Comp Plan for ITD to move forward? Do we need to identify something specific now that will not harm developers. How certain are you that you have your funding locked in?

Mr. Brinkman: ITD has quite a bit of flexibility with funding. They are able to run projects at a 50% state/50% federal. Using some bond funds to capitalize. There are a large number of grants that ITD applies for. PEL and NEPA process do not require the Comprehensive Plan to comport with the plan. Unless or until further development occurs during the PEL or NEPA process ITD will have to take that into consideration. The Comprehensive Plan

process is a means of identifying what the intention is for property owners. The more specific the line, the more certainty they will have.

Mayor Hutchison: By putting it on the Comprehensive Plan, does that expedite the process or if we don't put it on there, does that lengthen the process?

Mr. Brinkman: Putting it on the comprehensive plan if it comes to agree with the preferred alternative (which appears to be a bypass or couplet) it would expedite their approval. To not put it on the Comprehensive Plan does not guarantee a longer path, but certainly does not afford the opportunity for a shorter one.

Councilman Murray: The point at which you would want it to be on the Comprehensive Plan is at the end of the PEL process is done. You can come back to this body with a settled plan and present it to council, you can still move forward with your process.

Mr. Brinkman: The latest that you could take action on the Comprehensive Plan that would allow us to take it into account would be the end of the year.

Councilman Christiansen: How much does ITD consider the commercial and economic impact in the PEL process?

Mr. Brinkman: ITD considers the Social/Economic environment of the land.

Councilman Christiansen: How do you evaluate the economic impact?

Mr. Brinkman: It looks at the impacts of existing uses in the planning documents.

Councilman Christiansen: Doesn't buy that businesses downtown Eagle has benefited from the bypass. If the south bypass becomes a viable option, do you conduct the Economic valuation of existing businesses?

Mr. Brinkman: ITD will try to forecast those impacts. Past and present Mayor's

Councilman Christiansen: what will we see at the July public meeting? What options will we see? And then

Mr. Brinkman: We will present the build and no build alternatives. For the build alternatives you should expect to see further development of those concepts. Detailed intersections, cross sectional elements. November timeframe when we can identify a preferred alternative or alternatives to take to the NEPA process.

Muray: Did this application to amend our Comp Plan originate with ITD?

Mr. Brinkman: No

Councilman Murray: Due to the obvious controversy of widening Main Street is it a safe conclusion that would push it to the classification of NEPA to a higher level, that would make widening Main Street probably the least preferred option?

Mr. Brinkman: It is a fairly safe conclusion that you would have the most impact on the built environment on the existing route that would lead to some amount of controversy and the longest path.

Councilman Murray: There is a notion that this body doesn't communicate with ITD, and if we deny this tonight, we are throwing up a brick wall to you. Do you or members of your team regularly hear from members of this body and if so is it in a productive and positive fashion.

Mr. Brinkman: Yes, we hear from members of this body. We find you to be quite communicative and appreciate that. We will continue to stay in contact.

President Kiser: Big swath makes him nervous. If we don't go big brush stroke there, does that slow down any continued work with the parties involved that could be greatly affected by this in terms of the development opportunities and economic opportunities on the eastern side around Middleton Rd.

Mr. Brinkman: From ITD's perspective it would not slow down with talking to the parties involved to identify the most beneficial route. They have no intent of causing detrimental impact to any subdivision and will do the best they can do.

Acknowledged Mr. Trimboli contribution. McElhaney and Director Stokes are in northern Idaho otherwise would be here.

Mayor Hutchison: On a side note, through the many conversations she has had. She has brought up plans to work Duff and Lansing traffic light installed with the route. How is that going?

Mr. Brinkman: Open to a signalization of those intersections, many different mechanisms. They have not determined the exact mechanism. If all else fails when the project comes it will fully improve those intersections.

Mayor Hutchison: As I told you before, I want that included in the bypass and completed with the alternate route and on your dollar.

Mr. Brinkman: That would be the latest and would be included on ITD project expense.

Council Discussion:

Councilman O'Meara: ITD is obviously going to discuss this with the City. Does not want a 55-mph road going through. Would rather wait to change maps until later.

Mayor Hutchison closed public testimony at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Hutchison called for a brief recess at 8:50 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 9:00 p.m.

Council Discussion:

Mayor Hutchison: In her opinion, since she has done commercial before and she has been through the bulldozing in Caldwell, delaying this could only hurt Mr. Hess financially with millions of dollars at stake.

President Kiser: Doesn't like the swath. ITD is working diligently with Hess/Kofoed. He wants to see what they come back with that the end of the year. He feels he cannot make an informed decision with a big brush stroke.

Councilman Murray: We are working with ITD, He wants to postpone until we have actual options. If there is a business that wants to come into town, they are not going to go to the minutes to understand the discussion. They will be looking at the map, and a swath will send them to Star or Caldwell. Wait a few months until we can make a better solution.

President Kiser: They are already communicating. It is not like if we wait, they stop talking. Would like to wait until a solution is agreed upon.

Councilman Christiansen: The PEL process has not been influenced by it not being on the Comprehensive Plan. No other definable reason to buy this on other than some wish or want to add that southern bypass back onto the Comp Plan. We are working with ITD. We realize we need to have some form of traffic movement through Middleton. We all have different opinions of how it should be. We need to come together and make sure that we cover all the basis and look at the best alternative when the PEL process is nearing completion.

Councilman O'Meara: Only concerning thing is not making a decision and could that possibly impact the construction of Middleton Rd. Would like to see something stated that it won't affect the 7 acres.

Mayor Hutchison: I have been working and we have changed the route, the only reason it looks like that is because planning and zoning requested that. The reason ITD hasn't drawn a specific line, they are waiting on the PEL study. We know where it is going, we know the speed limit, we are looking at sidewalks, landscaping, bike lanes. We are going to avoid the Kofoed and Hess property. and delaying tonight's vote, it doesn't get put on the comp plan, and the ITD spokesperson did state it doesn't help expedite the process. The process is a process. By putting on the comprehensive plan it doesn't destroy any ideas, it just gets it on the plan, expedites the movement and gets the ball rolling. By delaying it another 8 or 5 months, it will as he stated delay it in some different aspects. We have spent months working on this. I spent a year and a half working with Caleb Lakey on this. I understand that some people like to delay things, and overthink things. But I am not an engineer and I am not going to sit down and try to teach an engineer how to do their job. What I am asking is for my council to get it on the comprehensive plan, and work with ITD and not delay. The people that voted me into office, asked if I was going to get the bypass at least on the comprehensive plan. I told them I have no control, but I can get it before council. Many people who testified tonight live in city limits and were in favor of the bypass.

President Kiser: It won't delay the PEL process if we do it tonight or July or November. If we put it on the map, what am I putting on the map? It is almost a land use issue, is it AG, commercial? And it may or may not apply. I want to know what their study says before I say 100% I support that. We need traffic solutions, but to what end that is not going to destroy economic development. They are already working together so not afraid to let them continue to working together. If they are done in July, do it in July. Or if it is November, do it in November. It won't slow the next process down. Not saying no, just saying I want a little more specific than a big swath.

Councilman Christiansen: What is up there, is being presented to Council, regardless of whether it be by Planning and zoning or who put it on the map.

Councilman Murray: To address Councilman O'Meara's concern, we can put whatever we want up here but wouldn't guarantee what ITD will or will not do.

Councilman Christiansen: To Mayor's point, I haven't heard anything that compels him to believe that putting it on the Comprehensive Plan is going to assist the Kofoed/Hess property situation. I fail to see what data you have to support that. I don't find a direct correlation with having it on the Comp Plan and what needs to be done with this project.

President Kiser: to City Attorney, Douglas? To move forward, to amend the comp plan we would have to have a public hearing, because what would come back before us would be actual options?

City Attorney, Mr. Waterman: Continuing is not likely to help you avoid a public hearing, the maps are likely to come back different. The city's participation of this process is by comp plan amendment. If the city's comprehensive plan shows bypass alternative, be it a swath or particular line, as long as that swath or line approximately aligns with what ITD is doing, it has the potential to reduce ITD's environmental impact analysis. Putting a swath or line on a map, does not impact anyone's actual legal rights. Both a swath or line will have the same legal import. City of Middleton is on board with the proposal that doesn't require an elevated analysis with the PEL process or NEPA analysis.

Councilman Christiansen: So the impact would be after December?

City Attorney: I heard ITD say If it is not on the Comp Plan at the point of NEPA analysis it could require an additional level of analysis.

Councilman Murray: That can be mitigated by constant communication with ITD. Practical implications are what I am worried about. There is no legal taking of the land with is being on the Comprehensive Plan. But the practical implications are what I am worried about.

City Attorney: Don't know where ITD states the PEL process and NEPA process becomes more difficult when during the process it goes from 0-100, because now there is a marked delay. I don't know when it goes from 0-1.

Mayor asked City Attorney, Mr. Waterman if ITD could address that. City Attorney, stated that if we reopened the Public Testimony everyone would have right to testify to that specific item.

President Kiser: Didn't hear that it would cause a delay until we got towards the end. Did anyone hear different? (Councilmen shook heads no) On the record, it isn't that he doesn't want to work with ITD, just would like a clearer picture of what we are doing. Simply because I already know they are already communicating with the parties involved. It isn't like ITD is working solo, they are actively working with those guys so we can have a clear picture.

Motion: Motion by President Kiser to deny the application to amend the Comprehensive Plan Maps to show the SH44 Alternate Bypass. Motion seconded by Councilman O'Meara. and approved unanimously by Roll Call Vote:

Kiser - Yes, Murray - Yes, Christiansen - Yes, O'Meara - Yes.

Motion passes 4:0.

Mayor Hutchison closed the public hearing at 9:22 p.m.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Hutchison: Wanted to recognize Sergeant Roberts and City Administrator Monica Hobbs. They worked tirelessly getting the candlelight vigil for Officer Bolter in place. She wants to thank them for their service. There are also blue ribbons that have been placed around town in remembrance of Officer Bolter. She is asking for those ribbons to remain up until July 5th.

Public Comments on non-agenda items of city business:

Tyson Sparrow: You are in a very special role as the mayor of the city, and a lot of people look up to you, including myself. You hold a lot of weight with a lot of opinions. As of late I have noticed, especially on social media. There is a lot of fear mongering There is information that I heard tonight that I didn't get to hear in a meeting that I am a commissioner on. There is information that is told to community members that don't see on appointed boards or elected boards. A quote from Vince Lombardi states "Individual commitment to a group effort (meaning everybody works together) that is what make a teamwork, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." And in this scenario a city work. We need to get rid of the fear mongering. We need to get rid of people talking crap about other people (I'm talking about members in the audience, not the city.) behind each other's backs, the back biting needs to stop. If you have a set of core standards and principles that you stand by, stand up for them, be vocal about it. Don't change it. It is easier to tell the truth and provide facts than it is to consistently try and remember a lie, or a half truth or a gray area.

Adjourn: Mayor Hutchison adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jennica Reynolds, Deputy Clerk Minutes Approved: May 15, 2024



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Exhibit 1













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Subject:

FW: City Council meeting May 1 - ITD Comp Plan



From: Stephanie Teachman < steph.teachman@gmail.com> Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 8:36 PM To: CITMID < <u>citmid@middletoncity.com</u>> Subject: City Council meeting May 1 - ITD Comp Plan

Middleton CityCouncil Members, I am writing to advise Middleton City Council members that we support ADDING the HWY 44 bypass to the south of town, to be designed with community input, back into the comprehensive plan.

Stephanie and Timothy Teachman 1042 N Powder River Dr Middleton ID 83644

Have a wonderful day!

Amber Day Deputy Clerk City of Middleton 208-585-3133 aday@middletoncity.com

-----Original Message-----From: Diana Robinson <sandsunsurf00@gmail.com> Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 8:53 PM To: CITMID <citmid@middletoncity.com> Subject: City council mtg ITD comp/plan

Hi, my name is Diana Robinson and I live at 10028 stony Brook way in Middleton. I'd love to see the alternate route that works with the river walk be brought back on the table.

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Thanks! Diana

Sent from my iPhone

Roberta Stewart

From:UtilitiesSent:Monday, April 29, 2024 10:23 AMTo:Roberta StewartSubject:FW: Vote for the Alternate route through Middleton

Have a wonderful day!

Amber Day Deputy Clerk Cíty of Míddleton 208-585-3133 aday@míddletoncíty.com



From: Erin Walpole <trulacmama@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 10:22 AM To: CITMID <citmid@middletoncity.com> Subject: Vote for the Alternate route through Middleton

Hello,

My name is Erin Walpole. My address is 9801 Foothill Rd, Middleton ID 83644. I cannot attend the meeting /vote on Wednesday but I am all for an alternative route for Middleton. The highway going through Middleton is not feasible for the future growth of the town. Widening 44 is not sustainable for the businesses. An alternative route is, in my opinion, what would be best for Middleton. Eagle has done it and their downtown is thriving. An alternative route would be best for Middletons future, my vote is for this choice.

Sincerely, Erin Walpole

Roberta Stewart

From: Sent: To: Subject: Utilities Tuesday, April 30, 2024 7:39 AM Roberta Stewart FW: City Council Meeting May 1st ITD Comp/Plan...

Have a wonderful day!

Amber Day Deputy Clerk City of Middleton 208-585-3133 aday@middletoncity.com



From: Michael Smith <mikesmith0125@yahoo.com> Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 10:25 PM To: CITMID <citmid@middletoncity.com> Subject: City Council Meeting May 1st ITD Comp/Plan...

City Council Members,

My address is 2146 North Concha Court. Middleton. West Highlands sub division. I strongly urge an alternative by pass south of town. Winding Main/44 is a bad option. Michael Smith - registered voter. I will hold all of you accountable next election cycle.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

2024 8:33:36 AM

I am in favor of an alternate route around Middleton and oppose widening the road through town.

Brenda Hymas 25266 Karen Dr Middleton, ID

Roberta Stewart

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Jamie Hanson <jamie.hanson@pmrloans.com> Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:46 AM CITMID Roberta Stewart Bypass Vote

Good morning,

I am emailing to voice my opinion on the bypass. Yes, I am for the bypass option!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jamie Hanson 1771 Condor Dr Middleton ID 83644

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Roberta Stewart

From: Sent: To: Subject: Utilities Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:44 AM Roberta Stewart FW: Bypass vote

Have a wonderful day!

Amber Day Deputy Clerk City of Middleton 208-585-3133 aday@middletoncity.com

-----Original Message-----From: John Kelley <kelleylouis1961@gmail.com> Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:43 AM To: CITMID <citmid@middletoncity.com> Cc: Roberta Stewart <rstewart@middletoncity.com> Subject: Bypass vote

Yes I am for the bypass around downtown Middleton. From John Kelley Jr. 2016 Pathfinder Ave Middleton, 83644 Sent from my iPhone Have a wonderful day!

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From: bbhymas <bbhymas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:33 AM
To: CITMID <citmid@middletoncity.com>
Cc: Roberta Stewart <rstewart@middletoncity.com>
Subject: Bypass Vote

I am in favor of an alternate route around Middleton and oppose widening the road through town.

Brenda Hymas 25266 Karen Dr Middleton, ID

From:	Jeremy Malmendier
То:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass Vote
Date:	Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:43:03 AM

My wife, Kirsten Malmendier and myself, Jeremy Malmendier live in 1582 Fairway Street. We BOTH vote for the bypass plans to be added back for vote. We are 110% against destroying downtown Middleton and all the small business who are in the path of destruction.

Please count this as 2 votes FOR the bypass.

Thank you,

Jeremy Malmendier

From:	John Kelley
To:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass vote
Date:	Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:42:48 AM

Yes I am for the bypass around downtown Middleton. From John Kelley Jr. 2016 Pathfinder Ave Middleton, 83644 Sent from my iPhone

From:	<u>Kathy B</u>
To:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass Vote
Date:	Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:48:40 AM

NO

Kathleen Bacon 523 Castle Rock Ave Middleton ID 83644

From:	john kelley
To:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass vote
Date:	Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:49:02 AM

Yes- I am for the bypass around downtown Middleton.

D'Jhoanna Kelley 2016 Pathfinder Ave Middleton, ID 83644 Sent from my iPhone Yes, for bypass

Robert Beuthel 716 W Grassland Ct Middleton, ID 83644 Sent from my iPhone

From:	George and Shaleen Stevenson
To:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass Vote
Date:	Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:51:16 AM

Yes, I am FOR the bypass.

Let's not ruin our town. Mayor Hutchison was elected by a landslide, in part, I believe, because she was for the bypass. It can be done if we want it to be.

Shaleen Stevenson 78 Greenlinks Ave Middleton, Idaho 83644

Sent from my iPad

Yes, I am in favor of the Bypass.

Thank you, Amy Wing 2061 N. Bull Whip Ave. Middleton, ID 83644

Please pardon any spelling mistakes. Sent from my iPhone

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From:	Gayle Simmons
To:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	"Bypass Vote"
Date:	Tuesday, April 30, 2024 9:26:35 AM

I am totally against widening Main Street. Please find an alternate route!

Gayle Simmons 315 S Paradise Ave Middleton



Virus-free.<u>www.avast.com</u>

From:Melanie ElkinsTo:CITMIDCc:Roberta StewartSubject:Bypass voteDate:Tuesday, April 30, 2024 9:36:12 AM

I am in favor of a bypass to preserve the businesses in Middleton.

Melanie Elkins 1198 La Reata Way Middleton, Idaho 83644 208-880-1494

--Melanie Elkins Disciple of Christ, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Artist

From:	Darci Feigel
To:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass vote
Date:	Tuesday, April 30, 2024 9:43:22 AM

To Whom it May Concern:

I am absolutely voting to install the bypass!

If you widen the highway, it will kill Middleton. A bypass will allow the city to flourish like Eagle.

It's already too crowded with traffic and extra lanes would just bring more- a bypass will send the pass through traffic around. Safer for the kids, the parks, the pedestrians. Better to grow businesses as destination.

Thank you Darci Feigel

From:	James Smullin
To:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass Vote
Date:	Tuesday, April 30, 2024 9:49:20 AM

Yes, I want the bypass.

James Smullin 1028 Quartzite Ave Middleton, ID 83644 Yes please give us the bypass.

Julia smullin 1028 Quartzite ave Middleton Idaho

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From:	Kathy Butts
To:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	BYPASS VOTE
Date:	Tuesday, April 30, 2024 10:05:49 AM

I am for an alternate route.

Thank you, Kathy Butts 720 W Halverson Street Middleton
From:	Utilities
To:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	FW: Comment for May 1st Council Meeting (ITD/Bypass/Alt Route)
Date:	Tuesday, April 30, 2024 10:49:03 AM

Have a wonderful day!

Amber Day Deputy Clerk City of Middleton 208-585-3133 <u>aday@middletoncity.com</u>



From: Melanie Mihm <mel.mihm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 10:47 AM
To: CITMID <citmid@middletoncity.com>
Cc: Jackie Hutchison <jhutchison@middletoncity.com>
Subject: Comment for May 1st Council Meeting (ITD/Bypass/Alt Route)

Dear Mayor Hutchison and City Council,

My name is Melanie Mihm and I am a Middleton resident at 1589 Mulligan Street. I am writing to you all to request that the City of Middleton put an alternate route on the Comp Plan.

I live about 50 yards right off of Highway 44 and in the last 5 years I have noticed a considerable increase in traffic. When driving through downtown, there is so much more traffic now with the highway commuters, trucks, school drop off/pick up, and the general increase in Middleton residents. It has become very congested and even dangerous for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers alike.

I am urging you for the sake of our town to please consider an alternative route and to work with ITD in order to help alleviate current and future traffic and road conditions. I feel like an alternate route would help alleviate traffic, as well as preserve the downtown corridor so that 70+ buildings won't get demolished. How absolutely sad would that be. Not to mention a 4-6 lane highway through town, it would make it even harder and less appealing to want to shop/dine on Main St. If an alternate route for commuters and those "just passing through" were established, Main Street would be

way less congested and more appealing! Imagine residents being able to walk it more and enjoy that area, have a meal on the patio without hearing gravel trucks zoom by every 90 seconds. Being able to close the road off for parades, a street fair or farmers market - it would bring so much value to the City and to our community. An alternate route would benefit us all (residents and commuters) and from what I understand it could still work WITH the plans for the River Walk/parks.

Please consider bringing an alternate route to the table again - our City needs to plan ahead for the growth and now is the time to do so as 3000+ homes are already approved for this area by Council.

Thank you so much for your time and your support to our Community! It is much appreciated.

Sincerely, Melanie Mihm

P.S. The tank park looks great! Love the new fence too! Well done, Mayor Hutchison!

From:	Tiffanie Garcia
To:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass vote
Date:	Tuesday, April 30, 2024 10:54:33 AM

Hello, I am writing to express my vote regarding the bypass. I am for bypassing downtown. We need the alternate route. Widening the main road through town is a death sentence to our local businesses.

Thank you, Tiffanie Garcia 269 explorer st. Middleton
 From:
 Bruce Bacon

 To:
 CITMID

 Cc:
 Roberta Stewart

 Subject:
 Bypass Vote

 Date:
 Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:12:04 AM

NO

Bruce W. Bacon 523 Castle Rock Ave Middleton ID 83644 From:UtilitiesTo:Roberta StewartSubject:FW: Vote on bypass.Date:Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:18:17 AM

Have a wonderful day!

Amber Day Deputy Clerk Cíty of Míddleton 208-585-3133 <u>aday@middletoncity.com</u>



From: Kelly Crist <kellystuff1@hotmail.com> Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:18 AM To: CITMID <citmid@middletoncity.com> Subject: Vote on bypass.

Please put me down as a vote to put the bypass back on the plan. Thanks, Kelly Crist From:Julie HalatynTo:CITMIDCc:Roberta StewartSubject:Bypass voteDate:Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:36:57 AM

I'm writing to express that:

- YES I am for the bypass to move traffic around town

- Against widening 44

Thank you,

Julie Halatyn 1768 Windmill Springs Ct Midddleton, ID 83644

From:	<u>Nat Tognetti</u>
To:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass Vote
Date:	Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:40:03 AM

I am in FAVOR of a bypass around Middleton.

 From:
 Joyce Charlton

 To:
 CITMID

 Cc:
 Roberta Stewart

 Subject:
 Bypass vote

 Date:
 Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:41:27 AM

Yes, we are for the bypass.

Bob and Joyce Charlton 23786 Winterhawk Dr. Caldwell, ID 83607 From:Robert wingTo:CITMIDCc:Roberta StewartSubject:Bypass voteDate:Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:59:09 AM

I am in favor of the Bypass.

Robert Wing 2061 N. Bull Whip Ave. Middleton, ID 83644 Sent from my iPhone From:Jeanette HartwigTo:CITMIDCc:Roberta StewartSubject:Bypass voteDate:Tuesday, April 30, 2024 12:11:11 PM

I am for the bypass from Hartley to Duff.

Jeanette Hartwig 1346 Antelope Ave Middleton, ID

From:	Angela Kehrer
To:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass vote
Date:	Tuesday, April 30, 2024 12:22:26 PM
Cc: Subject:	Roberta Stewart Bypass vote

Hello, my name is Angela Kehrer. It is my hope that your team will come up with a route directing traffic around downtown as opposed to having people drive through our quaint scenic little corner of heaven. Thank you! Angela. Kehrer, 208-407-7859.

From:	<u>Mary Van De Bogart</u>
To:	CITMID; Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass Vote
Date:	Tuesday, April 30, 2024 12:33:06 PM

My husband and I have lived in the Middleton area (4 miles north of town on Goodson Road) since the late 1970s. We support the construction of a bypass south of Highway 44. I remember when the bypass around Eagle was first proposed and was quite a contentious subject. It is hard to imagine what it would be like today in that area if it had not been constructed, and if all the traffic had to be channeled through the middle of Eagle. Although we do not live within the city limits, we do have to deal with the Middleton traffic congestion to get almost anywhere in Canyon County. We believe that expanding Highway 44 through the center of Middleton would destroy the core and character of the town without alleviating the congestion issue.

Respectfully,

Mary and Lee Van De Bogart

From:Stacey LaffertyTo:Roberta StewartSubject:Fwd: hwy 44 bypassDate:Tuesday, April 30, 2024 12:56:31 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Stacey Lafferty

Good afternoon . As a resident of Middleton we have experienced so mich growth which I know can be good but I am against the bypass running through Middleton (highway 44) it would completely destroy the rest of the small town feel . I vote no on the bypass .. Thank you for your time and attention

Stacey Lafferty 213 S Dewey Ave . 208-550-6065 Sent from my iPhone
 From:
 linleedc@aol.com

 To:
 Roberta Stewart

 Subject:
 City bypass

 Date:
 Tuesday, April 30, 2024 1:17:04 PM

Hi,

I wanted to voice that I am for the alternate bypass.

I would not like hwy 44 widened through town and destroying businesses.

Thank you,

Linlee Spoor 13279 Greenwell Lane

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

From:Marshall SimmonsTo:CITMIDCc:Roberta StewartSubject:Bypass VoteDate:Tuesday, April 30, 2024 1:54:15 PM

I too disagree with widening Main Street. My Vote is a hard NO

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Marshall Simmons 315 S Paradise Ave Middleton Idaho

Local Roadway Jurisdiction Perspective

Highway District No. 4 Bruce Bayne, P.E. District Director



Existing Corridors



Alternate Route



COMPARISON

	Existing Hwy 44 (Future 5 Lanes)	Alternate Route
Signalized Intersections	9	S
Intersection Spacing	0.5-0.75 Miles	0.75-1.0 Miles
Design / Operating Speed	20 to 25 mph	40 to 45 mph
Travel Distance	3.78 miles	3.54 miles
Travel Time	11 minutes	4 minutes
Capacity	25,600 vpd	62,300 vpd
2022 ITD Traffic Count = 15.000 vpd		3.400 SFH Approved bv Citv = 34,000 Daily Trips

225 15,000 + 17,000 (½ of new daily trips) = 32,000 vpd This Would Exceed the Capacity of Existing Hwy 44 ndy vvv. TUNN HAIN CONNE

Projected 2045 Daily Volume on Hwy 44: 30,300 vpd at Emmett Rd per 2019 ITD Corridor Study

Current Projects

- State Highway \$\$\$ are focused on current needs:
- Immediate Safety Concerns (eg; SH 55/Karcher Rd signals)
- Current Congestion Issues (eg; Interstate 84, US 20/26 Chinden Blvd)
- Maintenance Needs (Regular pavement and bridge work)
- SH 16 Corridor (I 84 to SH 44 Corridor)
- SH 16 Corridor (SH 44 to Emmett in Planning)
- SH 44 Corridor (I 84 to Star Road)
- I 84; Exit 25 Interchange (The Interchange and SH 44/Old Hwy 30

Intersection are Already in Design with Construction in 2028)

2024: Hwy 44 Corridor now at the top of the Current Regional Funding Priority List

- Priority #1 Interstate 84 Funded
- US 20/26 Chinden West Funded Priority #2
- Hwy 44: I-84 to Star Rd (TECM Corridor) Priority #3#1
- SH 55: Middleton to Farmway Rd Funded Priority #4
- SH 16: Chinden to 1-84 Funded Priority #5

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- Planning and Environmental Linkages Study (PEL) Study is Underway Evaluating **Possible Alignments**
 - The PEL has already Eliminated Several Alignments and Carried Forward Others
 - ITD has Began Design of the I-84 Exit 25 (Hwy 44) Interchange
- ITD has Allowed Multi-Lane Widening to be Completed from Star Road, West to Can Ada Rd
- Completed Will be Incorporated into the PEL Study. Thus Saving Valuable Time and For the South Alternate Route the Environmental Work which was Previously Money

However The City Has Two Viable Alternatives

Do you want ALL East/West Traffic to be forced to travel through Your Downtown **Corridor?** ..

OR

Do you want to allow the Traffic that is driving by Middleton to do so Efficiently and Make Your Downtown Corridor SAFE? 2

Please KNOW that ITD Will Begin Construction ASAP



 ITD to Widen Existing Route ITD to Widen Existing Route Keristing Route is Widened the Following will Happen: To Existing Parcels will be Impacted, with a Number of Structures Required to Be Demolished There are Currently 135 Access Points onto SH 44 in this Area. How much Conflict will there be with Access? And How unsafe will that Make Travel Through This Area?? How will ANYONE be able to Walk from One Side of the Roadway to the OTHER??? Especially at the MIDDLE SCHOOL???? ALL SH44 Roadwav Parking will be Eliminated just like in Star 	 How Will Existing Businesses Survive Both During and After Construction? How Will Existing Businesses Survive Both During and After Construction? Construction will take approximately 3 + YEARS. How Will Exiting Businesses Survive During This Time? City Residents Will Be VERY Negatively Affected Very Negative Impacts to Fire, Police, Ambulance (EMS), Postal and School Services 	
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CONCEPT 3

2. ITD to Build New Southern Alternate Route If a New South Alternate Route is Constructed the Following will Happen:	 Only A Handful of Existing Parcels will be Impacted (the City Currently Owns a Large portion of the Right-Of-Way) compared to 76 parcels There are currently 5 Access Points in this Area Compared to 135 Almost the Entire Area is Undeveloped so Construction Will Cause Very few Conflicts No Roadway Parking will be Eliminated The Impact to Existing Businesses will be Very Minimal The Time for Construction will be Greatly Reduced City Residents will be Barely Affected Virtually No Impact to Fire, Police, Ambulance (EMS), Postal and School Services 	
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HIGHWAY DISTRICT No.4 15435 HIGHWAY 44 CALDWELL, IDAHO 83607

TELEPHONE 208.454.8135 FAX 208.454.2008

April 29, 2024

City of Middleton 1103 West Main Street Middleton, ID 83644

Mayor and City Council,

Highway District No. 4 is in full support of the City of Middleton's proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Maps to include a South Route of State Highway 44 in Middleton.

Through the Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) process underway, ITD has currently identified several potential routes, which have been "carried forward" including Concept 3 as attached.

Respectfully,

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Bruce Bayne, P.E. Director

Jay Gibbons, Chairman Commissioner for Sub-District 1

Attachment



CONCEPT 3

SH-44 MODIFIED SOUTH ALTERNATE ROUTE AROUND MIDDLETON



KEY COMPONENTS

Stays on existing alignment from I-B4 to Ballard Ln or Cemetery Rd and from east of N Middleton Rd to Star Rd, with SH-44 as a new highway to the south through Middleton along one of two potential alignments: A) Ballard Ln to east of N Middleton Rd OR B) West of Cemetery Rd to east of N Middleton Rd

Widened to 4 lanes (2 through lanes in each direction) on existing alignment and a new 4-lane highway with raised median south of downtow	13
Middleton	

Existing SH-44 through Middleton (Ballard t.n / Cemetery Rd to east of N Middleton Rd) converted to local Main St

Intersection Improvements at major SH-44 intersections on improved existing alignment and new highway Added pedestrian and bicycle facilities along SH-44 and the new highway

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Requires right of way acquisition

RESULT: CARRIED FORWARD Concept 3, options A and B, will be considered in the Level 2 screening process.



From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Eric <nobodyknows1962@yahoo.com> Tuesday, April 30, 2024 2:29 PM CITMID Roberta Stewart Bypass vote

I vote IN FAVOR of a bypass road around Middleton.

Thank you

Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Penny's Gmail <plmcmanus63@gmail.com> Tuesday, April 30, 2024 2:30 PM CITMID Roberta Stewart Bypass Vote

I am 100% for approving a bypass AROUND the downtown corridor, we desperately need this, going through town would be devastating and pretty much destroy all the local businesses

Thank you Penny McManus 10497 Purple Sage Rd Middleton, Idaho 83644 208-866-5935

From:	Tamara Haney <tamarahaney@ymail.com></tamarahaney@ymail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 10:24 AM
То:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass Vote

Good morning!

I am AGAINST widening our downtown corridor and I am FOR an alternative route around our town.

As a 25-year resident of the Middleton area, I'm praying that we can keep our quaint and desirable town what it is.

I would be dismayed if we turned into another Eagle or even Meridian as they have major traffic issues in their downtown areas.

Widening the downtown corridor would take out and/or hurt so many businesses as well as endanger our children attending Middle school.

It would cause gridlock during construction, and I can't even imagine the problems it would cause once widened at speeds increased.

Thank you for counting my vote!

Tamara Haney 208-284-0511 With GOD, all things are possible Matthew 19:26

From: Sent: To: Subject: Family Vilhen <vilhenfamily@gmail.com> Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:51 AM CITMID Bypass Vote

Hello!

G,

My preference for traffic bypass is a route around downtown, not through it. Widening or otherwise changing the 44 through downtown Middleton will cause more congestion and an unnecessary disruption that could be detrimental to businesses.

Katy Vilhen Middleton Idaho
From:	Kim Boguslawski <kimboguslawski@gmail.com></kimboguslawski@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 5:27 AM
То:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	BYPASS VOTE

I am against the bypass through town.

Kim Boguslawski 10494 Turner Dr Middleton, ID 83644 208-284-9748

From:
Sent:
To:
Cc:
Subject:

Ingrid Dunckel <idunckel@yahoo.com> Tuesday, April 30, 2024 7:27 PM CITMID Roberta Stewart Bypass Vote

I am in favor of a new bypass for Middleton. Even by the Riverwalk.

Ingrid Dunckel 1493 Placerville CT. Middleton, Idaho 83644

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From:	Ken Cannata <kencannata@gmail.com></kencannata@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 30, 2024 6:18 PM
То:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass Vote

My name is Ken Cannata and I bought the house at 23456 Hartley Ln in Middleton this time last year. I am in favor of a bypass route to alleviate the traffic on SR44 and here is why:

1) It's way too late to try and widen SR44 now that there is a Middle School and several parks on that street. Trying to widen that road

is both foolish and unsafe for residents. Kids (mine included) like to go to the skate park and Kravz for ice cream. The last thing we need is

neighborhood kids getting run over with a 5 lane highway that is proposed. Not smart.

2) I moved here because this town reminded me of "Mayberry". I could have moved anywhere in this valley, but chose Middleton for its small town charm. Let's not ruin it....

3) Doing the bypass is a better method and will require lots of thought/input on how to achieve it while still moving forward with the planned park/business area

by the river at the end of Hartley.

Regards, Ken Cannata 661-644-4410

From:	Conner Kelley <connerkelley48@gmail.com></connerkelley48@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:17 PM
То:	CITMID
Cc:	rsteward@middletoncity.com
Subject:	Bypass Vote

Yes for the Bypass, No for the lane extension

Conner Kelley 2016 Pathfinder Ave Middleton, ID 83644

From: Sent: To: Subject: Tim Dunckel <tdunckel@hotmail.com> Tuesday, April 30, 2024 7:39 PM CITMID Bypass Vote

Yes I am for a south bypass (not thru town).

Tim Dunckel 1493 Placerville Ct. Middleton, ID 83644

From:	DiAnn
Sent:	Tuesda
То:	CITMI
Subject:	Bypass

iAnn Campbell <campbell.dianntc@gmail.com> uesday, April 30, 2024 8:27 PM ITMID; Roberta Stewart ypass

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Yes I am for the bypass. Would love for it to go to Lansing though.

Thank you, DiAnn Campbell 9271 Charles Way Middleton 83644

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Carol Watkins <cmwatkins12@gmail.com> Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:28 PM CITMID Bypass

The bypass needs to pass. The idea that the town we love, the people and businesses destroyed is unfathomable. It is the city's responsibility and duty to protect the citizens from such destruction. Any other decision rather than yes to the bypass is unconscionable

Thank you in advance for doing the right thing

Carol Watkins

:df1983@yahoo.com Fuesday, April 30, 2024 8:41 PM
Roberta Stewart
Bypass vote

To the city council of Middleton,

As. Middleton residents our family are requesting to have a bypass and not to have Main Street widened! Widening Main Street will negatively affect our town. Widening Main Street would make getting out of the neighborhoods harder then it already is. 2 1/2 year's ago turning onto Main Street was not a problem however over the last few years the increase of traffic has make it dangerous to pull out to turn onto the street. It would impact the stores on Main Street negatively. We moved here because Middleton was a charming small town and now we are considering because of what it is being turned into.

Sincerely David and Sandi Fontana 1021 N Buffalo way Middleton Idaho 83644

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Lauren Kelley <kelleylauren37@gmail.com> Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:57 PM CITMID Roberta Stewart Bypass Vote

Yes, I am for the bypass AROUND downtown Middleton

Lauren Kelley 2016 Pathfinder Ave Middleton, ID 83644

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Jeanette Levandowski <asyouwish06@icloud.com> Tuesday, April 30, 2024 10:18 PM CITMID Roberta Stewart Bypass Vote

City of Middleton,

I had the opportunity to visit ITD's open house regarding highway 44. I strongly believe a bypass south of town is the only viable solution. It will cost less and will preserve our downtown area from traffic.

Please, please listen to the citizens of Middleton who have overwhelmingly supported the bypass south of town in repeated surveys and voting in of Mayor Hutchinson!

Thank you for your consideration, Jeanette Levandowski

Sent from my iPhone

From:	semidumper <semidumper@yahoo.com></semidumper@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 12:06 AM
То:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	BYPASS VOTE
Attachments:	Screenshot_20240428-214329_onX Offroad.jpg

Here is an Idea with the least impact and destruction of structures. If this is not the least impact or destruction then I don't have much respect for the City, the Mayor or the people who work for the State. The State has made so many along Hwy 20/26 to sell their homes/property so that hwy can be expanded. Let's keep Downtown Middletonjuat the way it is. Anything other that this proposal will be just Politics and not about the City.

Thank You, Darrell Rugg of Middleton

Sent from my Galaxy

From: Sent: To: Subject: Reuben Jensen <reuben@jaspenconstruction.com> Wednesday, May 1, 2024 5:43 AM CITMID Alternate Route

Progress waits for no one.

We either build the alternate route now, or we'll have to live with unbearable and unsafe traffic later.

It's gonna hurt either way. Better to take the pain up front.

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Candice DeMasters <cwdemasters@gmail.com> Wednesday, May 1, 2024 6:14 AM CITMID Roberta Stewart Bypass vote

I am sending this email to say I am for the by pass around Middleton.

Candi DeMasters 798 Johnson Dr. Middleton Id 83644

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Ryan Bauman <ryanbauman23@gmail.com> Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:05 AM CITMID Roberta Stewart Bypass vote

To whom it may concern,

I am in favor of adding the bypass.

Thank you Ryan Bauman 2203 Seafarer Ct. Middleton, ID 83644

From:	Steve Hammons < hammons1956@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:18 AM
То:	CITMID
Subject:	Add alternate route

For the future of Middleton, do the right thing and add the alternate route to the comprehensive plan.

Steve Hammons 9156 Jordan Ln Middleton, Idaho

Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer

From:	Connie Short <conniegshort@gmail.com></conniegshort@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:20 AM
То:	CITMID
Subject:	Bypass ITD Comp plan

I am for the bypass. My husband owns a business Clocktower Orthodontics that is right on Hwy 44. No one has given us a definitive answer on whether his building will be affected or not. Even if his building is allowed to stay, the traffic and accessibility issues during construction of a 5 lane highway would be very detrimental to his business. If his building is required to be torn down, rebuilding is not a simple option or affordable in today's market. There are not many commercial properties ready to build on. This would obviously deeply impact his business while he is waiting to rebuild (find property, draw plans, get approval, pay impact fees AGAIN etc.).

Besides the personal impact this has on our family, we live here in the Middleton school district boundaries and call Middleton our home. It would be so sad to see our downtown be ruined by widening the road when there is a viable option to send traffic another direction.

Please don't let big developers call all the shots because it is in their best interest. I know Hess is not thrilled with having a road go through property that he has purchased, but doesn't it make more sense to send a road through land that doesn't already have a bunch of buildings on it that will have to be torn down and businesses closed?

Connie Short 24886 Vavold Way

Clock Tower Orthodontics 1060 W Main St

From: Sent: To: Subject: Sarah Chambers <chambersmama@gmail.com> Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:25 AM CITMID Bypass Vote

TOTALLY against going thru town with a 5 lane hwy!!!

I VOTE FOR A BYPASS

Sarah Chambers 14675 Hwy 44 Caldwell, ID 83607

From:Sherri Jarvis <sejarvis65@gmail.com>Sent:Tuesday, April 30, 2024 4:12 PMTo:CITMIDSubject:Bypass VoteCategories:Marlaina

My name is Sherri Jarvis. I have a business in Middleton but I live in Caldwell. My vote is the bypass. NOT widening main street.

Thank you!

Sherri Jarvis 208-369-7609 9491 Lincoln rd. Caldwell, Idaho 83605

Business name and address: Our Kids Daycare & Learning Center 220 Greenlinks ave. Suite B Middleton, Idaho 83644

From:	Sherry Oswald <soswaldetal@gmail.com></soswaldetal@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 6:57 AM
То:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass vote

Please vote yes to build a bypass for Middleton.

Eagle's bypass provides the perfect example to allow traffic to flow while keeping the downtown area accessible and safe for local traffic and pedistrians. Thank you, Sherry Oswald 705 Harmon Way Middleton

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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Rick Haney <rlhaney74@yahoo.com> Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:43 AM CITMID Roberta Stewart Bypass Vote

Hello,

I wanted to share my vote

I am AGAINST widening our downtown corridor and I am FOR an alternative route around our town.

Thanks,

Rick Haney

'IN GOD WE TRUST'

On Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 10:24:28 AM MDT, Tamara Haney <tamarahaney@ymail.com> wrote:

Good morning!

I am AGAINST widening our downtown corridor and I am FOR an alternative route around our town.

As a 25-year resident of the Middleton area, I'm praying that we can keep our quaint and desirable town what it is.

I would be dismayed if we turned into another Eagle or even Meridian as they have major traffic issues in their downtown areas.

Widening the downtown corridor would take out and/or hurt so many businesses as well as endanger our children attending Middle school.

It would cause gridlock during construction, and I can't even imagine the problems it would cause once widened at speeds increased.

Thank you for counting my vote!

Tamara Haney 208-284-0511 With **GOD**, all things are possible Matthew 19:26

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: marty@junipermeadow.com Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:37 AM CITMID 'Theresa Denham' Hwy 44 bypass

Town of Middleton,

I support the bypass.

I feel strongly that if ITD widens 44, it will be a disaster for this town.

Marty Denham Middleton, ID

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Erica darling <darling.erica@hotmail.com> Wednesday, May 1, 2024 12:22 PM CITMID Roberta Stewart Bypass Vote

Good afternoon, our family would like to vote yes on the bypass. Thank you, Erica Laposse 297 n magnolia Pl Middleton, ID 83644

From:Sebastien Laposse <gearnit@aol.com>Sent:Wednesday, May 1, 2024 12:23 PMTo:CITMIDCc:Roberta StewartSubject:Bypass vote

Vote yes on bypass Sebastien Laposse 297 N Magnolia Pl Middleton Sent from my iPhone

From:	Terri Slay <tslay@adacounty.id.gov></tslay@adacounty.id.gov>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 12:33 PM
То:	Jackie Hutchison; CITMID
Cc:	Terri Slay
Subject:	Council Meeting tonight regarding the by-pass

Good afternoon,

My name is Terri Slay and I reside at 9343 Ruth Marie Drive, Middleton, ID. 83644 My email address is <u>terslay55@q.com</u>

I am not able to make the meeting tonight at the Trolley Station, but I did want to put in my two cents on the by-pass. I am all for the by-pass rather than going through the middle of Middleton down HWY 44.

Best Regards. Terri L. Slay

From:	One Nation under God Rhodes <rhodesmtn@gmail.com></rhodesmtn@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 2:14 PM
То:	CITMID
Subject:	City Council Meeting Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Ms Hutchinson and City Council Members,

Please listen to the residents of Middleton and put an alternate route back on the Comprehensive Plan. There should be no one in Planning and Zoning making these decisions autonomously. We had that with the last Mayor and Council. I am hoping the Council can change their approach and views. Please listen to the people that voted you in.

Thank you, Jon Rhodes

From:	Becky Swain <becky.swain@gmail.com></becky.swain@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 2:35 PM
То:	CITMID
Subject:	Bypass comment

Eventually, ITD WILL widen 44. It's just a matter of time. We need more east/west corridors through the valley. The best option is to keep the main road (44) the main road.

Every other option chops Middleton into what will end up being redlined districts.

It is a burden for businesses to relocate. If they are fairly compensated, it's a better option than turning entire neighborhoods into highway adjacent properties. That can't be good for property tax revenue, flow of traffic, or the health and safety of citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

From:robin macleod <missrobinspreschool@gmail.com>Sent:Wednesday, May 1, 2024 2:50 PMTo:CITMIDCc:Roberta StewartSubject:Bypass vote

I am for the bypass and not destroying the middle of town. It will absolutely negatively affect all the current businesses if not by taking out their structure, then by a year or more of construction causing a decline in business.

Robin MacLeod

From:	Tedd Todd <tedtodd52746@gmail.com></tedtodd52746@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:57 PM
То:	CITMID; Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass

I am against having the highway widened in Middleton. This would be horrific! Please complete the bypass project and protect our town!

Ted Todd 9564 Golden Willow St Middleton ID. 83644

Ted Todd TTI Consulting 707-334-5897 "Veritas Semper Vincit"

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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Danny Hawley <hawleydds101@yahoo.com> Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:58 PM CITMID Roberta Stewart alternative/additional route

Sent from my iPhone

I would like to see the alternative/additional routes put back on the site plan. But I do not want a bypass route directly behind the Sawtooth Subdivision. I am also concerned about Middleton taking responsibility of maintaining the road and updating bridges on Main Street.

Thank you

Danny Hawley 528 Stanley Lake Street

From: Sent: To: Subject: Shawntae Smith <shawntaem@yahoo.com> Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:43 PM CITMID Bypass

City council members,

My name is Shawntae Smith, I am a Middleton resident and live at 2146 N Concha Ct.

I would like to see the bypass option be put back on the comp plan.

I do not want our downtown destroyed! The bypass is a much better option.

Thank you,

Shawntae Smith

From:	Loren Short <shortloren@gmail.com></shortloren@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 4:09 PM
То:	CITMID
Subject:	Bypass and Comprehensive Plan

Dear Middleton City Officials,

I am in favor of adding a bypass back to Middleton's Comprehensive Plan. I live the the Middleton community, and I own a business in Middleton (Clock Tower Orthodontics). I feel that widening Hwy 44 through town would have a negative impact on our community, without even solving all of our traffic concerns.

As the owner of a building right on Hwy 44, I am certainly concerned about the effect of widening the Hwy might have on my building and my business. It would be a great tragedy to have my building torn down after being new constructed only a few years ago. No one has been able to tell me if my building would be affected for sure, and the uncertainty makes it difficult for me to plan for the future of my business. I would prefer not to relocate my business (even if the Hwy is widened), but I also don't love the thought of having a 5-lane Hwy just a few feet away from my office.

As a long-time resident of the Middleton Community, I am opposed to having a large highway run through downtown Middleton. I grew up in Middleton, graduated from MHS, and decided to return to our community to live and work BECAUSE of the small town feel that I have always enjoyed about Middleton. To expand Main Street would certainly take away from the feel of the atmosphere of the downtown Middleton area. A road that would bypass the downtown area completely would help serve the purpose of a quieter Main Street and still be able to move greater amounts of traffic around town.

One issue with our traffic through town is dropoff and pick-up at the middle school. If there was an alternoute route bypassing the downtown area, the majority of traffic right before and after school would be from those dropping off or picking up their children. All of the other traffic needing to get across town would be routed around town and not "felt" in the downtown area. This would greatly help the congestion of downtown during those busier times. It would also provide a safer environment for the middle school children because of the lower traffic volume. If Main Street is widened instead of a bypass, the congestion through town during those busy times may not improve at all. It would also present a more dangerous situation for the children needing to cross the road near the middle school.

Please add back in the Middleton Comprehensive Plan an option for an alternate/bypass route that goes around town instead of widening Main Street. It will be better for our little community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr Loren Short Clock Tower Orthodontics: 1060 W Main St Residence: 24886 Vavold Way

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From: To: Subject: Date:

Utilities Roberta Stewart FW: Bypass vote Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:48:17 AM



Have a wonderful day!

Amber Day Deputy Clerk Cíty of Middleton 208-585-3133 <u>aday@middletoncity.com</u>



From: Nayomee Robertson <naymo11@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:41 AM
To: CITMID <citmid@middletoncity.com>
Subject: Bypass vote

I am voicing my opinion of adding some type of traffic solution to our city plan. As a resident of the Middleton Lakes Subdivision I don't really want a huge bypass going by my subdivision or taking away from the river walk area. However something needs to be done. I liked the one way corridor option as I think it splits up the traffic the best without widening downtown. This would also allow for another middle school drop off location in the back which would help so much!! The bypass isn't going to help a lot during school traffic times. Also once cemetery road connects through the new subdivision towards star a bit I think people will start using that more which will help. Thanks

Nayomee Robertson

From:	Pamela Payne <gspfarmsinc@hotmail.com></gspfarmsinc@hotmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:42 AM
То:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass on comprehensive plan vote

I am AGAINST the City Council putting the proposed bypass on the comprehensive plan until ITD gets all of the information that needs to be obtained to make an informed decision. We will be directly impacted as it potentially would run right through

the middle of a 4 generational farm still in operation, as well as a peppermint distillery.

Thank you, Pamela Payne 24295 Farmway Rd Caldwell, ID 83607

From:	Greg Payne <mintroots@gmail.com></mintroots@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:52 AM
То:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass comprehensive plan vote

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Thank you, Greg Payne 24295 Farmway Rd Caldwell, ID 83607

From:	Grady Payne <gradypayne17@gmail.com></gradypayne17@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 1:12 PM
То:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
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Grady Payne 22779 Ballard Ln Caldwell ID 83607 208.800.8445

From:	Marcus Boban <marcbob02@gmail.com></marcbob02@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 1:34 PM
То:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass on comprehensive plan vote

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Thank you, Marcus Boban 24300 Stafford rd. Caldwell, ID 83607
From:	Spencer Kofoed <spencer@tcpidaho.com></spencer@tcpidaho.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 2:39 PM
То:	CITMID; Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Bypass decision tonight

Hello City personnel-

As a concerned citizen and Middleton developer, I believe the old proposed bypass route that was removed by City Council in 2022 would ruin much of what we have spent millions developing and the RiverWalk district concept. I think a 55 mph bypass between the downtown and river would be a detriment to the city and cut us off from a most important resource. Some alternative version may be viable as long as the City residents still have adequate access to the river and future parks and walking paths. My partners and I have developed Phases 1 and 2 of River Walk Crossing subdivision and we are about to start Phase 3 based on city approved plats. The old route would ruin much of what we have spent millions creating, including future walking/biking paths that connect the city.

I'd ask city council to let the citizens, developers, and ITD work out a good solution for everyone. I think adding it back into the comp plan in a specific spot only complicates matters.

Thank you, Spencer Kofoed Middleton resident

From:Kristen Schaat <kncagle15@icloud.com>Sent:Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:15 PMTo:CITMIDSubject:Bypass

Hello! I am a resident living in the Middleton lakes subdivision and I can't be at the meeting tonight but I was told to send an email instead. I am against having the bypass put right behind our neighborhood. Thank you

Kristen Schaat Sent from my iPhone

From:	Analeise Reynolds <analeiser99@gmail.com></analeiser99@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:13 PM
То:	CITMID
Subject:	The Proposed Bypass Against

To whom it may concern Hello,

I am Analeise Reynolds. I graduated from Middleton High School back in 2018 and was a part of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council throughout high school. I have been fortunate to grow up in this town and to have been able to stay as I worked my way through college.

This town has had many different plans on how to grow, bring in new people, retain residents, and provide entertainment. I remember going to the old city hall to vote on the design and play equipment for Piccadilly Park about 10 years ago. As a member of MYAC, I also recall compiling a list of businesses we would like to see brought into Middleton. I mention these past events to illustrate that the city and its historical plans have evolved. The plans for Piccadilly have been altered, and none of the businesses we suggested as MYAC members 8 years ago have been brought up or discussed publicly since.

The proposed bypass was suggested and planned before the Riverwalk, but now the Riverwalk has become a significant feature. To my understanding, there are current plans to develop Middleton's section of the Riverwalk into more than just a walking path but a place with parks and possible businesses. I understand that many people oppose Middleton's growth, but it is inevitable. I would love to remain here with any future family I have, but I cannot if there is no growth. Bringing in businesses, parks, and walkways is what we need, not another roundabout traffic pattern to avoid the middle school/downtown. The only times I have encountered traffic issues downtown are during school drop-off and pick-up times. This should not warrant spending money on building another road when better traffic management could suffice. Another solution for drop-off might be off of the Cemetery and Sawtooth extension, back by the track.

I would also like to point out that ITD is currently widening Highway 40 as it runs through Star, as well as widening Highway 20/26. The proposed bypass would just add another east-to-west traffic pattern that is not necessary. If people need to travel east to west (or vice versa), they are likely using 20/26 to do so. If Middleton is to accommodate any traffic from Highway 40, then we need to widen our roads, not add a new route.

In summary, I have lived here for most of my life, and I love the town. It is time to accept change and make this a place we can grow into. I do not believe that includes a new bypass, but I do believe it includes the current plans to develop the Riverwalk and all amenities connected to it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A concerned citizen of Middleton,

Analeise Reynolds

From:	carriehugginscc@aol.com
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:01 PM
То:	CITMID
Cc:	Roberta Stewart
Subject:	Comments for ITD options for Council meeting May 1, 2024

Middleton City Council

I am asking City Council to refrain from committing to any one ITD option for a by-pass or route around the City of Middleton. This decision is a complicated one which will forever change the course of Middleton.

I personally am opposed to any route that changes the atmosphere of the Crane Creek Plaza, River Walk Park, and the Greenbelt. The atmosphere of the Plaza, Park and Greenbelt is one of being able to live, work and play in an area that has slow moving traffic and allows for easy walking between all of these amenities.

Traffic will always be a challenge. A by-pass through the Crane Creek Plaza, will forever take the vision of that gathering place off the map. A gathering place that cannot be duplicated on Highway 44 through downtown Middleton. I realize the River Walk Park may still happen with the by-pass, but the Plaza area will not coexist with a higher speed by-pass.

I understand the idea of Highway 44 becoming five lines is unsettling. I understand that this is a hard decision. It is not a decision that has to be made in one meeting. City Council knows which road options ITD has proposed. I suggest that City Council hold many public meetings showing how all of these roads change the current Plaza, Park, Greenbelt and downtown Middleton areas. The meetings could have maps that show in detail how each route changes our town, I do not feel ITD's maps gave this level of detail. Years ago City of Middleton held several public meetings just to decide what playground equipment to purchase, this is a much bigger decision.

Thank you for taking my suggestions into consideration.

Carrie Huggins

600 Cemetery Rd

Middleton, ID

From:	Julie Nielsen <j2nielsen@gmail.com></j2nielsen@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 2:58 PM
То:	CITMID
Subject:	ITD comment for meeting @ Trolley Station on 5-1-24

I am asking for this email to be read at the ITD meeting held tonight, 5-1-24 at the Trolley Station at 5:30pm.

"I am writing to state my concern for and stance against the proposed bypass.

Middleton and the surrounding area have been growing at a fast pace. There is nothing that can be done to stop people from moving here. Despite how long anyone has lived in Middleton, we have no more right than anyone else to live here so it is not worth our energy to keep being mad about it.

There is no denying the increased amount of traffic going through downtown Middleton and it is not going to stop. The main cause for the traffic problem on Main St. happens when people are trying to get kids to and from school. The population in our schools has increased at an alarming rate and is only going to get worse with more people moving here. During the day, the traffic on Main is not so congested and is easy to navigate. If all the traffic was due to all the people driving through downtown Middleton to get elsewhere, the amount of traffic and congestion would be a problem all day long, but it isn't. Since no one will pass a school levy to accommodate the current and continued growth in our schools, we are only going to face more people on the roads to get to and from schools like MMS.

Widening Main St. to a 4-lane road will happen eventually anyway and needs to happen now just to accommodate the amount of people living, working here and attending Middleton schools. Even if you added a bypass, the traffic diverted from the bypass WILL NOT be enough to decrease the congestion on Main! That is a simple fact through basic observation. There is only one way in and out of MMS which is the main cause of the terrible congestion. On top of that, everyone also has to drive on or cross Main to get to the high school, elementary schools, Vision, Sage International, downtown businesses, our only grocery store, most of our parks and much more! Our city has exploded with people and trying to keep it "small town" will not help anyone who actually lives here. Widening Main would also be best for downtown businesses because it would keep all potential customers driving through our town and not around it through the bypass. The businesses affected by the widening of Main would also be a small amount and worth it in the long run for them and everyone else.

Also, with the planned river walk hoping to bring in more visitors to our town, where do you think these visitors are going to drive?! Just on the bypass? Nope. It will just add MORE TRAFFIC to Main causing MORE CONGESTION. And if you haven't thought about the immense amount of traffic, mess, time and delays the bypass construction would cause over the widening of Main, you should seriously think about it.

Lastly, if you live outside of Middleton city limits, your opinion on the issues that will affect those of us within city limits should frankly hold less weight. Loud traffic and noise from the bypass will not affect or be an eyesore to you. You also won't be paying the increased taxes that will come to maintain our roads, like Main, which are already in need of repair and are only going to get worse, even with the bypass.

If you take an honest look at all of the facts, widening Main to 4 lanes is the better option for everyone in Middleton leaps and bounds above the bypass.

Sincerely, Julie Nielsen

From:	Lindsay Steinmetz <lindsaysue.steinmetz@gmail.com></lindsaysue.steinmetz@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:50 PM
То:	CITMID
Subject:	Bypass

Hi, my name is Lindsay Steinmetz, I live at 148 E Roselake Dr.

The proposed bypass would end up right behind my home. My family and I moved here in 2017. We have loved being a part of the Middleton community.

If a bypass gets put in behind our homes, the people on Roselake will suffer most. The noise, the view. Our home values will be greatly depreciated. I hope we can find another way to handle the traffic congestion. We already Cemetery road behind us to divert traffic.

Thank you, Lindsay Steinmetz

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Deanne Burford <deanne.burford@capitoldist.com> Wednesday, May 1, 2024 4:09 PM CITMID; Roberta Stewart brianb@mcalvain.com Middleton Southern Bypass

I will not be able to attend the meeting this evening. I am AGAINST the Southern Bypass.



Deanne Burford

Procurement Buyer | Capitol Distributing 208-343-4561 | deanne.burford@capitoldist.com 1920 S. KCID Rd. Caldwell, ID 83605



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