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Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 10:25 AM
To: Participate
Subject: Public /comment of Ordinance 1272 - KAC should be a stand alone commission!

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Mayor and City Council,

As a former member of the Ketchum Arts Commission, I am extremely disappointed to hear of your recommendation to merge the KAC with the Historic Preservation Commission. This will NOT serve the purpose for which the KAC was created. BOTH the Arts Commission and Historic Preservation Commission are extremely important for our town and each should have their own entity so they can solely focus on their specific needs. KAC's members are art professionals from a variety of disciplines that have been vital to the completion of KAC projects. Changing the structure of the commission will change the focus and outcome of KAC programs. Yes, our community is interested in preserving our history, and the HPC has much to accomplish. I for one am extremely disappointed in what little our town has preserved over the years; there is little left of our small western ski town character from when I moved here 36 years ago. Yet arts are also vital to our town. The KAC has accomplished many notable arts projects benefiting the city, including the City's extensive art collection, Art on 4th, Cover Art (utility boxes), gondola wraps, dance performances, and much more. These two commissions need to stand alone to focus and accomplish projects on their own.

I am told that the Mayor and City Council have already made up their mind, even though there is 1 more reading tomorrow of Ordinance 1272 ... disappointing! If that is the case, then please will you at least keep "Arts" in the title of the new commission and allow the number of commissioners to remain at 9 rather than reduce it to 7.

Thank you for listening,

Anne Winton

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From: Claudia McCain <cvmccain@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 10:28 PM
To: Participate
Subject: Third reading of Ordinance 1272

Third Reading of Ordinance 1272: Ketchum Arts Commission and Heritage and Preservation Commission

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

At the City Council meeting on Thursday April 9th, I was grateful to have been in attendance to share my concerns about the changes to the Ketchum Arts Commission, and to hear your views. Because I cannot be present for this Tuesday evening's City Council meeting, I wanted to share some follow up thoughts.

After the CC meeting and conversations with my arts colleagues, I understand that the ordinance cannot be substantially changed. However, I would respectfully request that you consider keeping "Arts" in the title of the Commission and retain the current number of 9 commissioners rather than reducing it to 7.

Keeping the word "Arts" in the title acknowledges the disciplines of the arts as an important attribute of our town. It also recognizes the arts projects that are currently represented throughout Ketchum.

With the new Commission, and potential for more projects, continuing to allow 9 members will help to ensure projects will be accomplished.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to the outcome of your deliberations.

With All Best Regards,

Claudia McCain
Ketchum Resident



Ketchum Business Advisory Coalition Public Comment — City Council Meeting, April 21, 2026
Re: Downtown Ketchum Bike Network Study / Phased Pedestrian and Bike Network Implementation

The Ketchum Business Advisory Coalition (KBAC), representing over 210 local businesses and community members, submits this comment regarding the Downtown Ketchum Bike Network Study presented for Council consideration on April 21, 2026.

Last year, KBAC raised serious concerns about launching any pilot program or network implementation during a summer already burdened with major construction disruption. Those concerns were validated — businesses continued to struggle, and the impacts on access, parking, and customer traffic were real and lasting. We lost Chapter One Bookstore, a 50-year institution, as a direct consequence of that disruption. Others have told us privately they may not survive another season like it.

Summer 2026 presents a nearly identical situation, and the construction overlap problem remains unresolved. Confirmed active construction this summer includes continuation of the Highway 75 work south of town with a one-lane bridge restriction — a chokepoint that affects every vehicle entering and exiting downtown — *and* continued construction at many locations throughout Ketchum. We do not yet have a complete picture of all projects planned for this summer, and neither, it appears, does this study. That alone should give the Council pause.

KBAC is generally supportive of the goal for a bike-friendly downtown but given the inconveniences we're already facing with existing highway work and construction this summer, we ask the Council to again pause the proposed bike/ped pilot program, and ask that you not allocate any more time or money whatsoever to be spent on public outreach or additional consultants or studies relating to the project at this time.

Looking ahead, as stated earlier, KBAC is in favor of a bike-friendly downtown, but our members do not support implementing one way traffic on either Leadville or Washington.

Thank you for all that you do for our community and for your consideration of this public comment.

Sincerely,

The Ketchum Business Advisory Coalition Board Of Directors





Ketchum Business Advisory Coalition Public Comment — City Council Meeting, April 21, 2026

Re: City Of Ketchum Oversight Of Highway 75 Work North Of Town

The Ketchum Business Advisory Coalition (KBAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide input regarding the proposal for the City Of Ketchum to assume management of the highway construction project north of town in 2027.

At this point, it is difficult to offer fully informed feedback without additional detail. Key elements such as the anticipated project timeline, scope of work, proposed detours, and the extent of potential disruptions to customer and residential access remain unclear in the staff report included in the April 21st Council packet. These factors are critical in understanding how businesses, residents and visitors will be affected and be able to prepare accordingly.

We encourage the City to consider the cumulative impact of concurrent projects in the area. For example, the planned YMCA expansion and any associated changes to parking and traffic patterns could compound disruptions if they overlap with highway construction. Coordination and transparency across projects will be essential in order to minimize unintended consequences.

Maintaining clear, consistent access to businesses and private residents must be a top priority throughout this project. Visibility, signage, and safe entry points for commercial customers and deliveries are not secondary concerns, they are essential to the survival of many establishments. Even short-term barriers to access can have lasting economic effects. . . This was clearly seen during Summer 2024 Main Street construction, and businesses continue to feel those impacts.

No matter who takes on the management of this project, the City Of Ketchum or The Idaho Transportation Department, there is a strong need for proactive, ongoing communication with the business and residential communities. Regular updates, advance notice of changes, and a clear point of contact will help businesses and residents plan, adapt, and continue to thrive. Early engagement and collaboration will go a long way toward building trust and reducing disruption. It is not too early to start outreach with businesses and residents now to give them time to plan over the next year.

We look forward to continued dialogue as more details become available and we appreciate the City's consideration of the business community's perspective.

Sincerely,
The Ketchum Business Advisory Board Of Directors

