



City of Ketchum

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA MEMO

Meeting Date: Staff Member/Dept:

Agenda Item:

Recommended Motion:

Reasons for Recommendation:

- The Idaho Department of Transportation (ITD) has been working closely with the city regarding the roadway project design.
- ITD's plan is to split the work between 2025 and 2026. Specifically, the new Trail Creek bridge will be constructed in two phases during the spring of both years. During that period, northbound traffic will stay on the highway but southbound traffic will be detoured at First Street to Second Ave. then Serenade Ln.
- Upon learning that Sun Valley will host the 2025 World Cup Finals (March 22-27), several entities requested that the city work with ITD to determine whether construction plans could change to not take place during the events. Outlined below is the response from ITD.

Policy Analysis and Background:

The current plan is to construct half of Trail Creek bridge at a time, to include a single-lane closure over an approximate 15-week period from mid-February to the end of May, in 2025 and 2026. Northbound traffic would remain on Highway 75 and southbound traffic would detour to 2nd Avenue and then Serenade Lane.

Alternately, construction of the Trail Creek bridge could be pushed back entirely to 2026 and constructed in a single phase, which would require a complete closure of Highway 75. This would require all traffic to detour onto the River/2nd/Serenade route. Construction would begin in early January 2026 and extend into June 2026—approximately 24-week period.

The reason: work in the creek channel must take place in the winter/spring while water levels are lowest and to avoid fish spawning periods, which is mandated (mandated). The timing also avoids fall activities (Wagon Days and Trailing of the Sheep) and is lowest traffic volume period of the year.

Sustainability Impact:

Financial Impact:

None OR Adequate funds exist in account:	None
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Attachments:

1. None
