

City of Ketchum

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA MEMO

Meeting Date: October 6, 2025 Staff Member/Dept: Jade Riley – Administration

Agenda Item: Recommendation to approve Memorandum (MOU) of Understanding with Idaho

Department of Transportation (ITD) and property owners in the Mortgage Row

Subdivision.

Recommended Motion:

"I move to approve MOU 25-013 which outlines roadway access coordination tasks between the city, ITD and private property owners in the Mortgage Row Subdivision."

Reasons for Recommendation:

- ITD is currently implementing an expansion and rehabilitation of Highway 75 from Elkhorn to River Street.
- Residences located on the west side of Highway 75 from Meadow Circle to Elkhorn Road/River Lane currently have individual driveways accessed from the highway which do not comply with modern safety standards for access management.
- Property owners approached the city to inquire whether a new rear access road could be constructed to transition the current highway access points to be either (1.) consolidated or (2.) fully eliminated.
- City staff has coordinated with property owners and ITD to outline the necessary tasks via the attached MOU to implement the new roadway configuration.

Sustainability Impact:

No direct impact.

Financial Impact:

There is no direct financial impact to the city, all costs associated with existing driveways are covered under the ITD project and the new roadway is funded via private property owners.

Attachments:

- 1. MOU 25-013
- 2. Exhibit A



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

City of Ketchum/Idaho Transportation Department/Mortgage Row Residents

Effective on 6th day of October 2025, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is between the City of Ketchum (City), Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), and the residents of the Mortgage Row Subdivision.

Whereas the parties agree:

- Current access from Highway 75 to the residences of Mortgage Row (Meadow Circle to Elkhorn Road) does not comply with national best practice of safe access control standards.
- The 2025/2026 Highway 75 rehabilitation project is an opportunity to improve the safety of the entrance corridor to Ketchum.

Now therefore, all parties agree to work together to complete the following actions:

- The private homeowners agree to
 - Complete City of Ketchum land-use application process to properly permit a new private roadway
 - submit for Lot Line Shift Application (City Code 16.04.060) via a final plat amendment
 - or -
 - record an easement
 - Construct and maintain, at private property owner expense, a twenty-foot private access road and associated snow storage area as depicted in attached Exhibit A.
 - Coordinate with the City Arborist prior to construction to finalize a
 (re)planting or fencing plan along the west side of the new road to provide
 proper screening for Farnlun Park.
 - Allow ITD to place a rolled curb in front each property (installed October 2025).
 - Work with ITD for new encroachment permits to place privately funded landscaping berms located on each private property parcel abutting Highway 75.

- Coordinate with the homeowners' association of the Glade Subdivision to gain approval within Parcel A for the new private road's access from Meadow Circle.
 - and record either a survey or easement agreement between both parties.
- Complete appropriate ITD permits for new roadway access and landscaping frontage.

• The City agrees to:

- Allow the twenty-foot roadway to encroach into city-owned Farnlun Park as depicted in Exhibit A.
- Process the subdivision amendment application or easement approval for new private roadway.

• ITD agrees to:

- o Install a rolled curb in front of each involved private property on Highway 75.
- Process new encroachment permits for new roadway access configuration and associated landscaping frontage.

MORTAGE ROW SUBDIVISION	
Gelb & Hellman Lot 14AA*	Nysether Lot 14BB*
Bolton Lot 15	Bolton Lot 16
Coburn Lot 17	 Page Lot 18
 Dreyer Lot 19	 Davis Lot 20

*The entrances to Lots 14AA and 14BB are from Meadow Circle, not Highway 75, therefore the property owners are not participating in any of the aforementioned construction or funding thereof. Their signatures are in support of the subdivision's requests as a whole.	
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	
Jesse Barrus	
D4 District Engineer	
CITY OF KETCHUM	
Neil Bradshaw Mayor	
Attestation:	
Trent Donat	
City Clerk & Business Manager	



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CONSTRUCTION

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