

Dawn Hofheimer

From: HP Boyle <boylehp@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2025 5:51 AM
To: Participate
Cc: Theophilus Andrew; Sarah Lurie
Subject: Public Comment on Budget for 9/15 Council Meeting

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On September 15, the Council will ask the staff to increase Ketchum's FY25 budget by 15%. This is on top of a budget increase of 25% in February. From its original adoption last year, Ketchum's FY25 budget has increased by almost 50% from \$41mm to \$59mm.

How is this possible? How can revenues be 50% higher than originally budgeted?

This seems to be primarily due to fundraising for Warm Springs Preserve. Is that correct? There is no mention of that in the staff memo.

There is a sizable jump in the General Fund—where is that coming from?

The LOT money increase seems to be coming from a substantial increase in volume of tourism—is that correct?

In the current revision, you are decreasing capital spending (presumably what would be spent on roads?) by 7%. Yet you have floated a permanent future tax increase to fund capital projects. How should a resident reconcile that?

There is almost no explanation of what is going on in the staff memo. You just had a council meeting yesterday and did not even mention the budget.

Your role as fiduciaries for the community is second only to your role in protecting health, safety, and welfare. Several of you ran for office on improving financial transparency.

Could you please be more transparent with the community about how you are spending our money?

Thank you,

Perry Boyle
Ketchum

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From: edithilerwiedemann@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 6:27 PM
To: Participate
Subject: Comp Plan public comment Sept 11

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Please include this comment in the public record.

I was unable to deliver it at the mtg.

Re: the 3rd Draft & Comp Plan
What I hoe for and request pleeeeeeease:

Comp Plan

- Maintain the existing low density land use designation that is in the 2014 Comprehensive Plan. The 3 rd draft of the Comp Plan does not address the concerns of residents. Staff is not listening. Residential areas that are currently low density residential in the 2014 Plan should remain low density and not be changed to medium density residential.
- Increasing density in residential neighborhoods will not create workforce housing. The 2025 Comp Plan promotes the same neighborhood transformation that occurred in West Ketchum to occur in the Warm Springs neighborhoods. By increasing density and encouraging town homes and apartment development, market forces will target older more affordable single family and duplex units for demolition in order to build high end multi-family townhomes and condominium projects.
- The Ketchum Comprehensive Plan is the long-term vision for the community based on the consensus of community. The proposed Plan for the Warm Springs neighborhood does not reflect the vision or consensus of the Warm Springs community.

I do not in sum support passing this Comp Plan. It lacks transparency and residents of Ketchum do not believe we have been sufficiently involved.

As I have stated in public comment since March, we in our entire valley can work together. ARCH and WRCHT are making progress but the City of Ketchum should not be in the business of housing.

Please listen to your constituents.

We can work together and start again, trying to solve our challenges. This is not the time to pass it.

Thank you

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From: Tina Dean <tinamdean@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 4:10 PM
To: Participate
Subject: Warm Springs Residential Density

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Ketchum City Council,
Warm Springs Road needs no more traffic! The wildlife that inhabits this area needS no more traffic.
The bike path is all ready overflowing.
Adding more to all will be a detriment to the habitat for all who enjoy this amazing living experience.
The Safety, fire, water infrastructure says vote No to higher density.
The people VOTE NO to the higher density

We, the people who live in Warm Springs are screaming "NO PLEASE!"

HEAR US. NO HIGH DENSITY IN WARM SPRINGS

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From: Carol Klick <carolklick@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 4:10 PM
To: Participate; Spencer Cordovano; Amanda Breen; Neil Bradshaw; Courtney Hamilton
Subject: Comprehensive Plan

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I do not see any significant changes in your revised comprehensive plan. It is my understanding that the residents and business community strongly oppose your density changes in Ketchum neighborhoods. If you are to represent your voters, you would stop this plan now and finish your term without approving it.

I am concerned about the parking plans which are not discussed and will be enacted whenever you want. Your leniency regarding the summer parking tickets is greatly appreciated and I do not see any reason to change them back to restricted times.

In conclusion, NO to the revised comprehensive plan and No to restricting parking times in the core of Ketchum.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Klick

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From: Steve Millemann <sjm@mpmplaw.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 4:08 PM
To: Participate
Cc: Martha Page; Laurin J McElheran; Janet Lowery
Subject: Striping of Trail Creek Bridge

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I am writing on behalf of the thirty (30) Christophe Condominium Owners to express our strong support for striping the Trail Creek bridge for 4 lanes of traffic and our vehement opposition to the 2-lane option.

Our complex is located at 351 2nd Ave. South; and, as you know, it sits on the blind curve above Trail Creek. The ingress and egress from our underground parking is onto 2nd Ave. at a point that has very limited visibility to southbound traffic. The heavy traffic created by construction on Highway 75 has negatively significantly impacted the safety of our garage egress (which is now a “T-bone” accident waiting to happen), our air quality and our quiet enjoyment of our properties (note that only 5 of the 30 Christophe Units are currently offered as short term vacation rentals). As there is no other alternative to necessary reconstruction of the highway, all our homeowners have accepted the year-long impacts of the re-routing of traffic onto Second Ave. But, electing a two-lane option which will without question result in 2nd Ave. permanently becoming a de facto bypass is unreasonable, unfair and, frankly, irrational. Why would such a significant investment be made in expanding the highway to 4 lanes, only to create a new 2 lane bottleneck at the bridge, opening back up to four lanes on Main Street?

Stripping the bridge for two lanes will without question push a significant portion of the heavy commuter traffic back onto 2nd Avenue. (Not to mention the backups that will also result.) Other bike routes over Trail Creek, like 2nd and Leadville, are already available. Speed can be handled by diligent and consistent traffic control measures. Hailey is a good example of this. There will, however, be no ability to mitigate the significant negative impacts if 2nd Avenue becomes a permanent bypass. The Christophe and other condominium complexes nearby cannot create safer parking locations. Biking on and pedestrian use of 2nd from Cottonwood St south will stay the dangerous proposition it is now.

Please reject any plans to restrict Trail Creek bridge to less than 4 traffic lanes and encourage completion of Highway 75 construction as soon as possible. We greatly appreciate your solicitation and consideration of public input on this issue.

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From: Pam Parker <pparkersv@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 9:08 AM
To: Participate
Subject: Knob Hill

What a loss of the vision our decision makers have for our fragile mountain community. What we've seen over the past 8 years speaks to prioritizing private development over civic spaces and needs. The approval of building on Knob Hill is sort of the last straw, so to speak. Blocking our views, creating corridors with no sunshine and ignoring the importance of access to our public lands is an unacceptable outcome of development. Please wake up to the reality that many locals are in mourning about how things have gone over the past decade. We are not proud of our town any longer and often find ourselves apologizing to visitors for what we've become. I wonder what the next ten will bring at this rate! Please do better and end the wanton corner to corner development and lack of consideration to public impacts over private motives.

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Regards,
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Dawn Hofheimer

From: Robert <roberttaska1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 13, 2025 8:24 PM
To: Spencer Cordovano; Tripp Hutchinson; Neil Bradshaw; Participate; Amanda Breen
Subject: 2 lanes better

Dear City Council,

September 10, 2025 Idaho Mountain Express.

Creating a highway chokepoint IS the point. All of downtown Ketchum is 20-25 MPH. Why do you want to increase the number of lanes to four through town? This is a town, where people walk around town and appreciate the slower pace of Ketchum.

The express published an opinion from Chas Mangham of Hailey 9.10.25 stating his preference for four lanes and complaining about commute times. The construction isn't even finished. How does anyone know, with any certainty, the commute time from Hailey to Ketchum, until the construction between River Street and St Lukes is completed?

You want to force people to slow down by forcing drivers to merge before town. Those are the brakes/ breaks! Give people another lane and they will use it to the detriment of those businesses and condos between Serenade Lane and River Street. Not to mention the dangerousness of two more lanes next to a new Hotel on the east side at River St. Remember, if Ketchum is worth the drive, it's certainly worth the wait. How much extra time will it really be between Serenade and River, an extra?

Put one bike lane on the west side to merge with the existing bike lane at Serenade Lane.

Kind regards,

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