

Dawn Hofheimer

From: Maria Brickman <mariabrick77@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 9:14 AM
To: Participate
Subject: Comment on Construction on Main Street & 2nd

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a resident of Ketchum to submit public comment regarding the ongoing construction on the Trail Creek Bridge and the associated traffic redirecting onto 2nd Avenue.

Traffic Safety – 2nd Avenue South Detour Route

As a resident at 401 2nd Avenue South, I am experiencing serious and daily safety concerns as a direct result of this detour. 2nd Avenue is a residential street that was not designed to handle the volume of through-traffic now being funneled onto it. The detour consistently brings a heavy and constant stream of vehicles down 2nd Avenue, particularly during afternoon hours, and drivers are not observing the posted speed limit.

At my property, exiting the driveway has become genuinely dangerous. There is a blind spot that, combined with the increased volume of speeding traffic, creates a high risk of collision. This is not an isolated inconvenience — it is an ongoing safety hazard that residents on this street are dealing with every single day. With construction expected to continue through 2026, these conditions are not temporary — they require a real, lasting solution.

I am requesting that the City consider the following measures immediately:

- Temporary speed reduction signage or radar speed feedback signs on 2nd Avenue South
- Increased traffic enforcement during peak afternoon hours

Pedestrian Safety – Trail Creek Bridge Construction Zone

The construction site at Trail Creek Bridge also lacks adequate pedestrian safety measures. While there are some construction cones present, they provide no meaningful protection from vehicle traffic. There is no clearly defined, protected walkway for people traveling through the area on foot, during the day or at night. This is an actively used corridor and cones alone are not a sufficient barrier — pedestrians remain dangerously exposed to passing vehicles. Given the extended timeline of this project through 2026, a proper pedestrian walkway is not optional — it is a necessity.

I am requesting that the contractor and City establish and maintain a clearly marked, physically separated pedestrian walkway for the full duration of the project, with proper barriers, lighting, and signage for nighttime use.

Thank you for your attention. These are active, ongoing safety hazards affecting Ketchum residents for

the foreseeable future, and I urge the City to respond promptly.

Respectfully,
Maria Brickman
401 2nd Avenue South
Ketchum, Idaho

Dawn Hofheimer

From: Lauren O'Connor <lauren@rbc.net>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 3:18 PM
To: Participate; Maria Brickman
Cc: info@sh75project.com
Subject: RE: Comment on Construction on Main Street & 2nd

Thank you for copying me on this email.

Safety is ITD's top priority during construction, and we take these comments very seriously. I will share this comment with the rest of the project team to notify them of these concerns and begin a discussion about solutions.

Thank you,

Lauren O'Connor-Zinszer

P. (208) 377-9688

Lauren@RBCI.net



From: Participate <participate@ketchumidaho.org>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 2:50 PM
To: Maria Brickman <mariabrick77@gmail.com>
Cc: info@sh75project.com
Subject: RE: Comment on Construction on Main Street & 2nd

Thank you for your email, Maria,

Your public comment will go to City Council for their next meeting on 03/12/26. Also, since the Trail Creek Bridge project is an Idaho Transportation Department project, I have also copied them in on this email.

Regards,

CITY OF KETCHUM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM
P.O. Box 2315 | 191 Fifth St. W. | Ketchum, ID 83340
o: 208.726.3841 | f: 208.726.7812
participate@ketchumidaho.org | ketchumidaho.org

From: Maria Brickman <mariabrick77@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 9:14 AM
To: Participate <participate@ketchumidaho.org>
Subject: Comment on Construction on Main Street & 2nd

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a resident of Ketchum to submit public comment regarding the ongoing construction the Trail Creek Bridge and the associated traffic redirecting onto 2nd Avenue.

Traffic Safety – 2nd Avenue South Detour Route

As a resident at 401 2nd Avenue South, I am experiencing serious and daily safety concerns as a direct result of this detour. 2nd Avenue is a residential street that was not designed to handle the volume of through-traffic now being funneled onto it. The detour consistently brings a heavy and constant stream of vehicles down 2nd Avenue, particularly during afternoon hours, and drivers are not observing the posted speed limit.

At my property, exiting the driveway has become genuinely dangerous. There is a blind spot that, combined with the increased volume of speeding traffic, creates a high risk of collision. This is not an isolated inconvenience — it is an ongoing safety hazard that residents on this street are dealing with every single day. With construction expected to continue through 2026, these conditions are not temporary — they require a real, lasting solution.

I am requesting that the City consider the following measures immediately:

- Temporary speed reduction signage or radar speed feedback signs on 2nd Avenue South
- Increased traffic enforcement during peak afternoon hours

Pedestrian Safety – Trail Creek Bridge Construction Zone

The construction site at Trail Creek Bridge also lacks adequate pedestrian safety measures. While there are some construction cones present, they provide no meaningful protection from vehicle traffic. There is no clearly defined, protected walkway for people traveling through the area on foot, during the day or at night. This is an actively used corridor and cones alone are not a sufficient barrier — pedestrians remain dangerously exposed to passing vehicles. Given the extended timeline of this project through 2026, a proper pedestrian walkway is not optional — it is a necessity.

I am requesting that the contractor and City establish and maintain a clearly marked, physically separated pedestrian walkway for the full duration of the project, with proper barriers, lighting, and signage for nighttime use.

Thank you for your attention. These are active, ongoing safety hazards affecting Ketchum residents for the foreseeable future, and I urge the City to respond promptly.

Respectfully,
Maria Brickman
401 2nd Avenue South
Ketchum, Idaho

Dawn Hofheimer

From: tom n pomeroy <tompomeroy@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 5:14 PM
To: Participate
Subject: Dark Skies vs Holiday Lighting Deadline

Monday March 2, 2026

Hi Pete & City Council,

I'm writing hoping this year the City of Ketchum can be on top of the deadline when holiday lights are suppose to be off.

I believe it's March 15 but you guys will know better.

Anyway the last number of years the lights have remained on for weeks if not longer than off date.

It would be great if you could be proactive this year. It would be really helpful to the community to announce in the newsletter the holiday lighting deadline. A press release could be written stating the value of our treasured dark skies in a very positive way to further help the ordinance work.

Then truly on the date that the lights are to be off absolutely turn off every light that the city can control. It would be an instantaneous example of an ordinance being enforced & the result immediate to enjoy. I bet it could easily have a ripple effect on private property also.

I know they have to take the lights down before the springs buds. I imagine that's the rational for not shutting off the lights on the end date. But it would be extremely easy to walk down every street & just unplug the lights & do their removal later.

I would be happy to help unplug the lights & know I could find other citizens to help preserve our dark skies!

Thanks so much.

Sincerely,

Tom Pomeroy
Ketchum, Idaho

Land Code Revisions

From Kim Maykranz <stoefflerdesigns@hotmail.com>

Date Thu 3/5/2026 8:01 AM

To Participate <participate@ketchumidaho.org>

It is perplexing to me that the town can revise and amend the code language for non conforming properties before we even know which properties, if any, will become non conforming. The comprehensive plan states that no single family homes will be deemed non conforming as a result of the new comprehensive plan and code update. I certainly hope this will be the case, but my trust level is understandably very low. Promulgating policies that will promote the construction of future expensive condos (where locals do not live) at the location of existing single-family homes where local families do live is a very poor idea. Absolutely no single family home legally constructed in Ketchum since 2014 should be deemed non conforming. Stop advancing policies that chase families out of Ketchum. If you promote policies that reduce existing single-family housing stock, you will reduce the number of families living in Ketchum. Ask yourselves which product will more likely house a family- a 2 million dollar condo or a 2 million dollar home. You may not like affluent families ideologically, but they are the ones who can afford to live in Ketchum, dine in Ketchum, shop in Ketchum, and fund the charities in Ketchum. The classrooms in the schools in the upper valley are populated by many children from affluent families.

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)



Public Comment To The Ketchum City Council
Re: Public Right Of Way

Dear Mayor Prekeges, Members Of The Ketchum City Council And City Staff,

The Ketchum Business Advisory Coalition (KBAC), now representing over 250 local businesses and community members, respectfully requests clarification from the City of Ketchum regarding the recently communicated right-of-way standards applicable to properties within the Commercial Category related to the frontage zone, outlined in section 6.1.1,

As written, the standards reference the need for “appropriate permits” for items placed within the public right of way. While we appreciate the City’s efforts to maintain safe, accessible, and vibrant public spaces, the current language raises several important questions for our members:

1. What specific permits are required?

Are different permits required depending on the type of item (*e.g., outdoor seating, sandwich boards, planters, merchandise displays, flower boxes, temporary tents, etc.*)?

2. What is the application process?

What department administers the permits? What documentation is required? What is the expected review timeline?

3. Are existing installations grandfathered?

For businesses that currently have items placed within the right of way, are those uses considered compliant, or must they retroactively apply for permits?

4. Are there any costs associated with obtaining a permit?

Is the city planning on assessing fees? What, if any, are the application fees, annual renewal fees and potential insurance requirements? What is the justification for charging fees? KBAC does not believe there should be any fees.

5. Do temporary placements require permits?

Are permits required for short-term or seasonal uses—for example outdoor dining during summer months, or a point-of-sale display during the World Cup—or are permits only required for permanent installations?

As we approach the summer season, many local businesses are preparing to utilize outdoor space to support economic activity, enhance pedestrian engagement, and create a welcoming commercial environment. Support from the City, as well as clear guidance, is essential to ensure that businesses can plan responsibly, remain in compliance, and avoid unintended violations.

KBAC fully supports reasonable standards that prioritize public safety, ADA accessibility, economic vitality and consistent streetscape design. However, clarity and transparency in the permitting process are critical for small businesses that operate with limited funds and administrative capacity.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the City to ensure a thriving, compliant, and vibrant commercial district for residents, visitors, and business owners alike.

Sincerely,
The Ketchum Business Advisory Coalition



**Public Comment to Idaho State Legislators
Re: Opposition to House Bill 583**

Dear Members of the Idaho Legislature,

As a coalition of over 250 local business owners and community members serving the residents and visitors of Ketchum, we write to voice our support for the Idaho Resort Cities Coalition in their opposition to House Bill 583. We also oppose this legislation.

Our small communities are different. As resort cities, we host hundreds of thousands of visitors each year who rely on us—not only for hospitality—but for safety, accountability, and responsible stewardship of our neighborhoods. House Bill 583 would significantly limit the ability of local governments to set reasonable standards related to parking, licensing, noise curfews and other operational requirements for short-term rentals. We believe this will undermine local control and create an uneven playing field for established businesses.

Every brick-and-mortar business in Ketchum is required to obtain proper licensing, meet safety codes, provide adequate parking where applicable, comply with accessibility standards, and contribute meaningfully to the local tax base. These requirements exist for good reason: They protect customers, employees, neighbors, and the broader community, while contributing financially to our often cash-strapped small towns.

Short-term rental operators are, in effect, operating lodging businesses. Like hotels, inns, and other licensed establishments, they generate revenue by hosting visitors. It is only fair and reasonable that they be held to similar standards of licensing, safety-compliance, and community contribution. Exempting this sector from local oversight creates inequity and shifts impacts onto full-time residents and compliant businesses.

The City of Ketchum has adopted straightforward, common-sense measures to promote public safety, including Life-Safety Plan Requirements and the provision of a Ketchum Map identifying Emergency Services Locations. These are not burdensome regulations; they are basic safeguards. When visitors come to Ketchum, our community, at a minimum, wants them to be safe. Ensuring that guests know evacuation routes, emergency service locations and so forth is a fundamental responsibility—not an overreach.

Local elected officials are best positioned to understand the needs, infrastructure limitations, and character of their communities. House Bill 583 would strip away that local decision-making authority and replace it with a one-size-fits-all approach that does not reflect the realities of small resort towns like ours.

We respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 583 and to preserve the ability of local governments to enact reasonable, balanced regulations that protect public safety, ensure fairness among businesses, and maintain the integrity of our communities.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration. . . We appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,
The Ketchum Business Advisory Coalition