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**From:** Joni Cashman <joni.cashman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 9, 2025 8:39 AM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** regarding hyway

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City Council,

It is my understanding that there will be a meeting regarding the highway on Oct 20th. Our association signed an agreement with the ITD that took 2years to hammer out. The agreement was that there would be 1 lane in and 1 lane out with a turn lane. The idea of 2 lanes both directions will not allow us SAFE egress and ingress to our homes. It seems that the ITD is breaching the contract/ agreement that they made with all the homeowners who border the hyway. For the SAFETY of all who live and access Ketchum I feel the City Council should stick with the original contract/ agreement .

Sincerely,

Joni Cashman

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**From:** Simon Wenet <simonwenet@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 9, 2025 3:53 AM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Highway 75 Expansion

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Hi there,

I'm the owner of 307 Main St and I would like to raise my concern over and objection to the changes currently being considered by the city to expand the planned roadway from 2 lanes to 4.

The changes alter the signed agreement that we agreed to with ITD and I fear the change will have a negative impact on safety in front of our home, speeding into town (which is already bad before any expansion), as well as on our home value. The change to 4 lanes may require a reevaluation of the agreement with ITD. Thank you for hearing our concern and our objection to the lane expansion.

Best,  
Simon Wenet

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**From:** Alexis Johnson <alexisabilbro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2025 8:53 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Richie Dr

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I am writing as a resident of Ketchum to express my strong support for the Warm Springs Townhomes project on Ritchie Drive. I believe this development will be a wonderful addition to our neighborhood.

The architecture of the townhomes is very appealing, with their thoughtful design that complements the character of our community. It's clear that great care has been taken to ensure the new buildings fit well within the existing landscape and architectural style of the area.

Additionally, seeing this vacant lot finally being developed is very encouraging. It's a positive step forward for our neighborhood. I look forward to seeing this project come to life and contribute to the vibrancy of our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Alexis Bilbro  
Ketchum Voter

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**From:** Kathryn McNeal <kathryncmcneal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2025 1:57 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Main Street Lane Striping

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Dear Council Members,

Thank you for your thoughtful attention to the needs of residents along Main Street/Highway 75, especially those on the Gem Streets and others directly impacted by the stretch between Serenade and River Street.

I strongly urge you to vote in favor of **Option 1, the original plan**—two travel lanes with a center turn lane. This design is by far the **safest option** for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers exiting and entering this section. It accommodates current traffic volumes effectively and, according to projections, would only increase travel time by about 16%, or roughly 70 seconds, during peak periods.

As a resident who regularly walks, bikes, and drives this corridor with my children, I see every day how a single lane in each direction allows drivers to slow, yield to pedestrians, and safely accommodate left turns. Adding lanes would significantly reduce those opportunities and increase risk for everyone who uses the highway—not just motorists.

Please keep **safety and community livability** as the highest priorities. Let's give Option 1 the opportunity to succeed and observe real traffic flow post-construction. There will always be chances to reassess later if needed, but we can't reverse the safety impacts once more lanes are in place.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to the well-being of our community.

Sincerely,  
**Kathryn McNeal**  
Topaz Street

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**From:** Matt McNeal <matthewmcneal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2025 2:23 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Public Comment Regarding Main Street (Highway 75) From Serenade to River Street

Dear Council,

City Staff hosted some informative outreach sessions with neighborhoods that will be affected by the highway striping decision on 10/13. Thank you to you and them for their time.

There was some information presented in those sessions that was very useful and should be valuable when making a decision.

1. According to ITD, a single travel lane in each direction with a center turning lane provides sufficient vehicle throughput for the volume of traffic we have today on this stretch of road. The reason they offered a 4 lane option was to "future proof" the road for projected vehicle volume in the year 2040 or 2050, 15 to 25 years in the future.
2. Because of the topography, existing buildings and private property surrounding this corridor, the maximum available width for pavement is 52 feet. No matter what striping option is selected, the pavement width is going to be 52 feet. So any future changes to configuration will be limited to repainting stripes on the road, no major repaving or other earthwork required.
3. According to ITD data, a merge from two lanes to one lane generally increases travel time by about 16%. For the stretch of road between Serenade to River Street, the high estimate is that this will add a delay of 70 seconds during peak demand commute hours, and substantially less (or no) delay during all other hours of day and night.
4. Option 1 - the original plan with a travel lane in each direction and dedicated center turn lane - was considered to be the safest option for pedestrians and vehicles. Fewer lanes to cross when walking across the street or making a left turn, and a turn lane for refuge from traffic. Also more space between the sidewalk and travel lanes.

Given this hard data from ITD, I think it is best to select the safest option and stick with the original proposed plan of two travel lanes and a center turning lane. A delay of 70 seconds during the small peak commuting time windows in the morning and evening seems more than a reasonable tradeoff for residents safety and a more welcoming, attractive entrance to our town.

I understand how frustrating commuting to and from Ketchum has been this summer. I do not want to have to sacrifice convenience for safety and accessibility but there are tradeoffs and this seems like a reasonable one to make.

Our town and valley have endured years of road construction and infrastructure improvement with the Ketchum main street rebuild and now the Highway 75 project and Trail Creek bridge replacement. People's opinions are strongly influenced by the recent past, which has been one travel frustration after

another. You can see it in the emotional responses to what could otherwise be a boring civic issue. Please, let's give our roads a chance to succeed once these projects are finished before making a permanent decision.

ITD has already told us there will be options to revisit the lane configuration in the future, such as when they return to chip seal in one to two years after project completion. Even after that, given the pavement width will not change, it will just be paint on the road. So the "future proof" argument has already been mostly satisfied by paving the road to the max allowable width.

I don't want to add to a driver's frustration or add unnecessary travel time to what should be a simple commute. But until we try the original configuration as planned, we don't even know if there will be a delay. Besides, I am afraid the new stoplight at Serenade and 75 is going to be the true culprit in most delays. Just anecdotally driving through Hailey (with 5 lanes) and downtown Ketchum (with 4 lanes), most delays seem to occur because of traffic signals.

Given these considerations, I ask the council to vote to keep the original plan with 2 travel lanes and a center turning lane.

Thank you,  
Matt McNeal  
Topaz Street