

20 August 2025

Wednesday

City Council, Neil Bradshaw

Box 2315

Ketchikan, Alaska, 99940

Dear Neil-

In regards to the Mountain Express article on page 4 of today's paper.

I find that your survey of 2,094 responses (86%) is probably close to be accurate. Let's say you are from Magic Valley and are driving to the mountains/lakes with a boat or a trailer behind you, it would be good to have four lanes as I would stay to the right lane and drive through Ketchikan toward the mountains with not alot of interruptions. If bicycle is in use, use the sidewalk, like the Ketchikan to Inuvialuk path that we have for last thirty years. I have a hard time believing that council members are for a two lane highway when you need to look at the overall picture of people driving through Ketchikan. As to speed, post the speed limits and have it patrolled at times. Let's do another survey and see the results again.

I find people do care and my friends are all for a four lane.

Sincerely
Charles Stenleberg
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dawn Hofheimer

From: City of Ketchum Idaho <participate@ketchumidaho.org>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 6:28 AM
To: Participate
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us

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Submitted on Friday, August 22, 2025 - 6:27am

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Question/Comment
Hi Council members.

I was unable to comment on the highway striping over the bridge at Trail creek last week. The survey is now closed. MAKE IT A FOUR LANE ROAD!!!! Just need to say, we have a huge traffic issue in our community. 45 to 60 minutes to drive 11 miles from Hailey to Ketchum . ITD IS expanding the road to 4 lines to reduce the back up. Please don't bottle neck the road at the bridge. We have a wonderful bike path that is away from the road that bikers use. GET BIKERS OFF THE MAIN HIGHWAY AND LET PEOPLE GET TO WORK AND TO PLAY WITHOUT HAVING TO SIT IN OUR CARS!
THANK YOU

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.ketchumidaho.org/node/7/submission/12977>

Dawn Hofheimer

From: David O'Donnell <odonnell.david.p@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 9:16 PM
To: Participate
Subject: Regarding traffic lane configuration

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Council people,

I support a 4 lane configuration as a commuter and also as someone who operates emergency vehicles within the city of Ketchum.

As others have noted, pinching traffic to one lane each direction defeats the purpose of the 4 lanes from Bellevue to Ketchum project. The vast majority of drivers drive the speed limit. Drivers accelerating to cut someone off and beat them to the zipper also creates dangerous situations. The bike path and a bike route on 2nd ave exist for cyclists to use. Sidewalks are included in the 4 lane plan for pedestrians. A flashing crosswalk could be installed at Main and Cottonwood for the sparse volume of pedestrian traffic across Main there. 2 lanes each direction gives drivers space to pull over for emergency vehicles. This issue affects more people than just Ketchum residents. I urge you to represent the overwhelming majority of VALLEY residents that spoke up in the survey. It's everyone's highway. Let's use it in the smartest way for everyone.

-David O'Donnell

Hailey resident, Ketchum property owner, & Ketchum Firefighter

Dawn Hofheimer

From: Ken Rizzotti <230picabostreet@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 8:51 PM
To: Participate
Subject: Trail Creek Bridge, Four Lane Configuration

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Kenneth & Linda Rizzotti

230 Picabo St
Ketchum, ID 83340
08/21/2025

Ketchum City Council Members and Mayor
City of Ketchum
480 East Avenue North
Ketchum, ID 83340

Re: Support for Four-Lane Configuration on the Trail Creek Bridge

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to strongly recommend that you vote in favor of constructing a **four-lane configuration on the Trail Creek Bridge** at the southern entrance of Ketchum.

The City's own recent **SurveyMonkey poll gathered 2,094 responses**, an impressive level of public engagement. The results were overwhelming—**86.64% of respondents favored a four-lane bridge**. This clear mandate from residents and stakeholders highlights the community's desire for infrastructure that meets current and future traffic needs.

The four-lane bridge design is also the logical and necessary continuation of the **ongoing Highway 75 improvements**, which are being constructed as a four-lane highway. Transitioning to fewer lanes at the bridge would create a bottleneck, undermining the efficiency of the state's investment in regional transportation and frustrating residents, Blaine County commuters, and the many visitors who contribute to our economy.

It is imperative that the City act decisively to support the four-lane option. Doing so will:

- Ensure the **normal flow of traffic** for residents and county members who rely on this critical connector.
- Provide **consistency and safety** with the four-lane design of Highway 75.
- Demonstrate that the City is responsive to the overwhelming **community and visitor consensus**.

The Trail Creek Bridge is not only a gateway into Ketchum but also a reflection of our values as a community that supports accessibility, efficiency, and foresight in planning. I urge you to respect the

voices of the 2,094 respondents, the 86.64% majority, and the long-term needs of both residents and visitors by approving the four-lane bridge configuration.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this critical issue.

Respectfully,

Kenneth & Linda Rizzotti

Phone: 307 413-2294

Dawn Hofheimer

From: Julie Stanek <jberry17@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 5:14 PM
To: Participate; Spencer Cordovano; Tripp Hutchinson; Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen
Subject: Trail Creek Bridge Should Be Four Lanes

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City Council Members,

As both a resident and an educator in Ketchum, I feel compelled to voice my strong support for expanding Trail Creek Bridge to four lanes. This is not simply a matter of convenience, it is a decision that directly impacts the vitality of our schools, businesses, and community culture.

Every day, I witness the toll the recent traffic congestion has taken on students, families, and staff. The majority of my staff at Hemingway and a large population of students (1/3-1/2) live south of the Trail Creek Bridge. If we keep it at two lanes, I fear the bottleneck will remain and will discourage families from enrolling in our schools, deterring teachers from working here, and pushing more residents to seek opportunities in the south valley. The consequences are already visible: local camps struggled with lower enrollment this summer. Many moms shared with me that they did not want to drive to Ketchum in traffic. I have also spoken to many business (retail and restaurant) owners who have reported lost clients because people don't drive up from Hailey like they used to. I know of one business that relocated to Hailey for the sole purpose of sparing its employees the daily traffic.

The decision to keep the bridge at two lanes is not just about traffic flow. It is about the long term health of Ketchum. Limiting access weakens our economy, erodes our sense of community, and risks driving away the very people who make Ketchum unique. A four lane bridge is an investment in ensuring that our town remains a thriving, attractive place to live, work, and visit.

Please vote to expand Trail Creek Bridge to four lanes. You asked for community feedback and the vast majority of respondents in your survey expressed preference for this.

Thank you for your time in reading this and for your work always.

Julie Stanek

Dawn Hofheimer

From: Kim Maykranz <stoefflerdesigns@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 9:57 AM
To: Participate
Subject: Striping of bridge

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Has a three lane hybrid striping over the bridge been considered? Two lanes heading north into town for morning traffic and switch center lane to two lanes heading south in the afternoon?

Thank you. Kim Maykranz (Ketchum resident).

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Dawn Hofheimer

From: Richard Mull <mullrlus1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 1:23 PM
To: Participate
Subject: Four lane v two lane options into town

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I found very puzzling the council deliberations on August 18 regarding choice of a four lane versus two lane option into town from Serenade Lane. I am a 26 year Ketchum and now Sun Valleyresident currently living in Lane Meadows.

Given the enormous and long overdue effort to widen 75 to alleviate the jam ups in and out of town, consideration of a two lane option just doesn't seem to make any sense given that it would still leave in place a very significant traffic jam.

Illusory bike lane benefit. As for the bike lane benefit of a two lane option, who are you thinking about? I'm as serious a cyclist as you can find in the area and would never use 75 to enter town by bike. The bike path and multiple access points off the bike path work well for those coming from the south.

Sidewalk benefit. The sidewalks to be built with a four lane option (assuming bikes are allowed given likely low use and short distance) could accommodate the very few people on the Gem streets that don't have complete back street access to town and that feel the need to ride a bike rather than walk the very short distance into town on the new sidewalks.

Survey concerns. I think the concern about the demographics of the survey that overwhelmingly supported a four lane option is misplaced. Two things are a given, the town can't survive without commuter workers and Ketchum can't attract business customers from anywhere without easy access to town.

I used to shop regularly in town and am close enough to town to do that but I now mainly buy on Amazon because of the difficulty of getting into and out of town.

Going with a two lane option now would simply be a mystifying and mistaken conclusion to the huge effort to open up access to town.

Richard Mull

Dawn Hofheimer

From: sallie@salliecastle.com
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 2:07 PM
To: Participate
Subject: Highway 75

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Dear representatives and planners,

I would like to put my vote into there being 2 lanes into town with a turn lane and bike lane or sidewalk . I know it creates a bottle neck but it's very important that drivers slow down before that enter town. Otherwise, there will be people flying through Ketchum which is incredibly dangerous. It seems most people will drive as fast as they can whenever they can.

Thank you for allowing the voice of the residents of Ketchum.

Best,

Sallie Castle
151 Topaz st
Ketchum, ID

Dawn Hofheimer

From: Phil Huss <phuss@communityschool.org>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 4:52 PM
To: Participate
Subject: Ketchum bridge

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Hello-

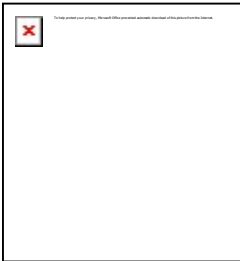
Please make the bridge entering Ketchum 4 lanes instead of 2.

As one who travels from Hailey to Ketchum five days a week, please keep traffic flowing into Ketchum.

The valley will continue to grow. We need to plan for it.

Thank you for considering,

Phil Huss
26 year resident of Hailey



Phil Huss, US English Teacher + Outdoor Leadership Academy
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Dawn Hofheimer

From: Mark Maykranz <mmaykranz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2025 9:52 AM
To: Participate
Subject: Comp plan, third effort

Please see my opinions of version 3 and of P and Z's disconnected effort below:

The Planning and Zoning board is totally not aligned with the community, particularly Brenda. How many times does our community need to raise hell to show that we do not want the big buildings. On items number 18 and 19, once again, instead of doing what the community wants, we change language that would reduce the size of buildings to deceptive words like "explore"- so disingenuous. In the High Density Zone, you are upping the density from 18 to 20. Out of one side of your mouths you say we are listening to the community, out of the other side you continue to ramp things up incrementally. This will become an election issue!

I think Brenda belongs on a central business district review board for a large City such as Dallas. She suggests not reducing height because she doesn't want to limit architectural expression. Brenda, this community does not seem to embrace your idea of architectural expression! You so do not get the small, historic, mountain town ethos and vibe. "A house should not sit on a hill, but be of the hill, house and hill happier for the other." Words like "homage, deference, respect for Ketchum's history" seem to be oblivious to Brenda. I was flabbergasted to learn that Brenda is an Architect. Did she attend Bradshaw's Tall and Massive School of Architecture? I think Brenda's tenure on P and Z has been very destructive for Ketchum's character and for the fabric of Ketchum. How can she juxtapose her "vision" with the iconic Ketchum structures like the Culinary building, the Whiskey Distillery, the Pioneer, the Christiania, the Starbuck's building, etc. Brenda is so not of the mountains. Her placement on the board is an anachronistic nightmare. She needs to go as soon as possible. Replace Brenda with a mountain person. You can take the architect out of the city, but you cannot take the city out of the architect!

Neil's term is almost over. Neil would you make amends to this community and go out on a positive note and respect the community's wishes. Remember, "everything has gotten too big." (your quote).

This board does not understand that the larger the building, the more future housing you need. When a new large building does not cover its addition to the workforce (which none of them even come close to doing) you categorically move in reverse- you need more workforce, but have housed fewer than the demand you just added. The incentive program is about optics and smoke and mirrors.

Mathew, see the previous comment and please memorize it!

Susan offers sage advice, then she gets overruled!

We need design standards just like every other mountain ski town. Too bad the architectural community doesn't want them. Look what they have done to this community.

P and Z and Town council: get it together. Get it right! The election is coming! Don't just say the right thing, do the right thing for a change.

Sent from my iPhone

Dawn Hofheimer

From: Mark Maykranz <mmaykranz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2025 10:17 AM
To: Participate
Subject: Comp plan code language

We have been told again and again that the code revision will come next year after the FLUM has been approved. Why then has P and Z already approved the code and passed it on to council? I would like to give the P and Z board an oral exam in front of the public. The topic would be the content of the code. I think the scores would be remarkably low.

I have repeatedly submitted comments regarding the section of the code that deals with non-conforming properties. The proposed language is harsh and some of it conflicts with Idaho State law. How does trying to attract families to Ketchum comport with treating existing families like second class citizens and stigmatizing their homes? Additionally, Tripp suggested changing code language to protect property owners who built since the last adopted code. I see no evidence that anything constructive has been advanced in accordance with Tripp's suggestions, except perhaps the addition of the word "siding." There is a reference that suggested some revisions may be coming, but why then has P and Z signed off on the draft? If there is one code component that should be addressed along with the FLUM, it is the non-conforming code issue so that victims of upzoning can see how they are being violated in favor of future short-term rentals and second home owners who are not yet living here. This is another example that violates community trust.

Please see my other comment that is critical of the density increases in version 3 of the proposed comp plan.
Sent from my iPhone

Dawn Hofheimer

From: James Hungelmann <jim.hungelmann@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2025 11:33 AM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Tripp Hutchinson; Amanda Breen; Courtney Hamilton; Spencer Cordovano; Participate; Matthew A. Johnson
Cc: lmollineaux@co.blaine.id.us; mdavis@co.blaine.id.us; Angenie McCleary; Kat KFD Admin
Subject: General public comment –aug 25 2025 council meeting - emergency shut down of fire district transaction, and replacement of legal council

Citizen call for Emergency shutdown of the fire department asset transfer and for removal and replacement of law firm

PERTINENT FACTS

The City of Ketchum initiated the formation of a new Fire District, accompanied by a memorandum of understanding (MOU) transferring approximately \$10 million in fire protection assets—essentially the City’s entire fire infrastructure—to the District. The MOU imposes no enforceable commitments, standards of service, pricing mechanisms, or operational obligations on the Fire District.

From the inception of the project, the same law firm of White Gigray from Nampa Idaho represented both the City of Ketchum and the newly formed Fire District, with no independent counsel for the District and no meaningful conflict review conducted outside of the firm’s own self-assessment.

Additionally, one City Council member Mr Hutchinson who voted in favor of the transfer admits to a crime of moral turpitude, theft, and was simultaneously employed as a firefighter at the time of the initial voting. This dual role creates both personal and ethical conflicts, further contaminating the integrity of the decision.

A substantial segment of citizens and taxpayers strongly opposed the transfer, citing the lack of consideration, enforceable obligations, and inherent risks to public safety. The law firm was well aware of this opposition.

LEGAL AND ETHICAL ANALYSIS

1. Constitutional and Statutory Framework

The Idaho Constitution, Art. VIII, § 4, prohibits municipalities from gifting public property without a legitimate public purpose. Any transfer without consideration must demonstrate a concrete public benefit. Idaho Code § 50-1409 permits a city to transfer property to another governmental entity without consideration if the governing body determines the transaction serves the public interest.

Critically, this statutory allowance is subject to recognized exceptions, including fraud, misrepresentation, mistake, and conflict of interest or unethical legal representation. These exceptions ensure that a governing body’s “determination” cannot automatically validate a transaction that is defective or contrary to the public interest.

2. Conflict of Interest – Dual Representation

Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC 1.7, 1.9, 1.13) prohibit a lawyer from representing two clients with adverse or materially different interests unless both give informed written consent and the lawyer reasonably believes competent, diligent representation is possible for both.

Here, the City and the Fire District are opposite parties in a zero-sum transaction. The city gives away all of its essential fire protection assets in exchange for nothing whatsoever definitive. Even if consent was given, as suggested in the MOU, this dual representation is ethically impermissible because there is no reciprocal consideration from the Fire District, no enforceable service commitment, and a clear risk that the City received nothing in return. The law firm’s role poisons the governing body’s public-interest and violates its fiduciary duty of loyalty and independent judgment.

3. Transaction Fatally Defective From the Start

The MOU involves \$10 million in critical assets but contains no enforceable obligations, standards, or consideration, rendering it legally defective. The transaction is vulnerable to statutory exceptions for fraud, misrepresentation, mistake, and unethical guidance, making any council determination of public benefit insufficient.

4. Legal and Ethical Implications

Idaho law recognizes that statutory exceptions apply when a transaction is tainted by conflict, fraud, misrepresentation, or mistake - all of which were present here. There's no way the Ketchum public would have approved this transaction had the true facts been known in advance, namely, that the assets recently purchased for a \$10 million bond would be transferred to an independent entity with no obligation in return, and with a massive immediate increase in cost of fire services. Dual representation, absence of enforceable obligations, and lack of consideration render the council’s “public-interest determination” voidable. Proceeding under these circumstances constitutes a breach of fiduciary duty, breach of legal ethics, and a risk to public trust.

5. Why the Governing Body's Determination Cannot Be Controlling

While § 50-1409 allows a council to determine public benefit, constitutional and statutory safeguards impose important limits. A determination cannot validate a transfer that is illusory, defective, or executed under conflict, fraud, or collusion. Courts and citizens retain the authority to evaluate the actual substance of public benefit.

Here, any such determination by the council is compromised by dual representation of directly adverse parties, absence of consideration or enforceable commitments, a fatally defective MOU, potential misrepresentation, collusion, or mistake in the process, and a council member who admitted a crime of moral turpitude while employed as a firefighter.

6. Public-Interest and Safety Concerns

Transferring the City's most critical public safety assets under these conditions creates substantial risk to residents. Without enforceable obligations or public benefit, the transfer constitutes a grave violation of the constitution gift clause.

7. Effect of Citizen/Taxpayer Opposition

Citizens are effectively the ultimate stakeholders for municipal assets. Strong opposition demonstrates that the City's interests are not aligned with the Fire District, highlighting the necessity for independent legal counsel. The law firm was aware of this opposition, which underscores that consent of the governing bodies alone is insufficient to validate the transaction.

8. Immediate Stand-Down of Conflicted Legal Representation

The law firm must immediately stand down from any involvement in this specific asset transfer. Its dual representation prevents independent, diligent legal counsel, undermines the City's fiduciary duty, and compromises public trust. This transaction for the transfer of essential fire protection assets must not proceed further until competent representation is in place.

If the firm fails or refuses to withdraw from representing the City in this transaction, the City Council must immediately terminate the firm's involvement in this matter and consider prompt termination of the entire contractual relationship. Independent, conflict-free counsel must then be retained without delay to review the legality, ethics, and public-interest implications of the transfer, and to prevent further potential breaches of fiduciary duty or legal liability.

CITIZEN DEMANDS

1. Immediate suspension of the asset transfer until independent review is conducted.
2. Engagement of conflict-free legal counsel to review legality, constitutionality, and ethical propriety.
3. Full transparency regarding all agreements, communications, and advisories involving the dual-representing law firm.
4. Remediation of actions taken under fatally defective guidance, including potential invalidation of executed transfers.

Respectfully,

Jim Hungelmann

Ketchum

Dawn Hofheimer

From: Julie Johnson <jjnourishme@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2025 2:33 PM
To: Participate
Subject: Comp plan 3rd revision

To whomever it concerns;

It is paramount that the comprehensive plan states that Ketchum maintains all existing parking, that no new buildings will be built without sufficient parking and that Washington Ave and Leadville parking be kept in perpetuity for the use of expanding parking below or above or both in the future.

Thank you

JWJ

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Nourishme & Julie Foods

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Dawn Hofheimer

From: Clay Wawner <wawnerc@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2025 9:42 AM
To: Participate
Subject: 4 lane striping over trail creek bridge

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this note in support of 4 lane striping over Trail Creek bridge. My wife and I live in mid-valley, both work for local non-profit organizations in the valley, and have three school-aged children. We, along with many this spring and summer, have been sitting in the construction traffic daily, and the thought that there could still be a bottleneck at the Trail Creek bridge after all of this is worrisome.

Thank you for strongly considering 4 lane striping over Trail Creek Bridge.

Best,

Clay

Dawn Hofheimer

From: Mark Maykranz <mmaykranz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2025 8:37 PM
To: Participate; Amanda Breen; Spencer Cordovano; Tripp Hutchinson; Courtney Hamilton
Subject: Marriott

Let me be perfectly clear, the people of Ketchum do not want that monster Marriott Hotel. Undo your previous mistake. If you approve this, you are thumbing your nose at the community. I have been in the development business for years. Everyone knows approvals have a shelf life. You either use the right in the permitted time frame, or you lose the right. In the development business this is known as use it or lose it. There is tons of case law on this matter. You are being out negotiated as usual by Marriott's legal team. Get some backbone! How can you possibly approve Limelite's taking 11 hotel rooms and turning them into Penthouses and giving the town a total sum of 466k towards housing? Their occupancy is 52 percent and you want another massive hotel??? You are going to kill the nice, small hotels in town. You guys are so out of your leagues. How can you lease Starbucks that iconic space for chump change and plan to spend several million dollars on it. Go back to school or something!! Stop embarrassing the community with your hack decisions. Please resign post haste! It is endless friction with you guys, like nothing I have ever seen anywhere!
Sent from my iPhone

Dawn Hofheimer

From: Kim Maykranz <stoefflerdesigns@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2025 9:10 PM
To: Participate
Subject: Marrinot

Here you go again. You represent Ketchum, not Marriott. Their time is up. It's over. They would only be selling the right to build there to someone else. They are not that stupid to build a large hotel next to two other large hotels that don't book enough rooms at the height of all seasons (World Cup week). Don't add this mistake to your list of bad decisions. Do the right thing. Just say NO.

Kim Stoeffler

Ketchum resident

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Dawn Hofheimer

From: Durance <durance@durance.com>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 6:47 AM
To: Participate
Subject: Trail creek bridge

Please stripe the Trail Creek Bridge with two lanes.
We do not need increased speed.
We need to encourage people to ride bikes.
Richard

durance

Dawn Hofheimer

From: Whitney Ellison <whitneysv2@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2025 3:18 PM
To: Amanda Breen; Spencer Cordovano; Participate; Tripp Hutchinson; Neil Bradshaw
Subject: Please support today's needs and wants for the highway entry to our wonderful city of Ketchum

Dear Ketchum Mayor and City Council Members,

We have lived in Ketchum for twenty-five (25) years. We want to express our thoughts to you about the need to have a four (4) lane highway connecting to our four (4) lane Main Street to the south of Ketchum.

The two (2) lane highway option designed in 2008 between Serenade and River Streets will continue creating a vehicle bottleneck entering and exiting the city. The traffic flow will remain restricted and congested. The four (4) lane option is the answer for smooth north / south vehicle traffic to and from our beautiful city. Drivers will certainly be happier and calmer than having to merge lanes when driving this section!!

Most bicycle riders use the Wood River Trail System to the east of Highway 75. This trail goes from the town of Bellevue to Hulen Meadows to the north of Ketchum. There are access points all along the bike trail to downtown Ketchum.

The Ketchum City Council **MUST DO** what is necessary to make the four (4) lane highway option a reality!

Johnny & Whitney Ellison

208-720-7676 ... PO Box 3418; Ketchum, ID 83340

Dawn Hofheimer

From: Amy Weyler <amy.weylar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 8:21 AM
To: Participate
Subject: ballot language

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To City Council and Mayor of Ketchum, ID

After reading the proposed ballot language regarding the legal form of government, I strongly support Option A, as it is worded in a clearer and more understandable way than Option B.

Ballot language:

The November ballot can be laid out in two ways:

Option A: current form of government first

- Question 1 – vote for Mayor
- Question 2 – vote for two Council Members ♣
- Question 3 – should the City of Ketchum government structure change?
- Question 4 – should question three pass, please vote for top five Council Members

Thank you.

Amy Weyler - full time resident and registered voter, Ketchum ID

Dawn Hofheimer

From: Kathy and Dan Beste <bestedk@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 10:06 AM
To: Participate
Subject: 4 lanes please

Good Morning,

I am flabbergasted that the city of Ketchum is not listening to the people regarding the highway and 4 lanes over the bridge. Add our votes to 4 lanes. It doesn't only affect commuters, it affects emergency vehicles and tourists trying to get through Ketchum during the commuter hours. We already have a lovely bike path!

Thank you,

Kathy and Dan Beste

August 25, 2025

Hello Councilors,

The decision to choose the ballot layout for the November election should be based on:

1. The least confusing ballot for the voters when in the voting booth.
 - The question “Shall the City of Ketchum adopt the council-manager plan ...” is the predominant question that sets the stage for the candidate choices on the following three ballot questions
 - The ballot machine in the voter booth will show one question at a time. The voters should not have to scroll forward and back to reference question 3 when presented with questions 1 and 2
2. The precedent of the previous dual ballot layout – Lewiston, Idaho 2021.
 - ballot 1: the predominant question of the form of government & candidates
 - ballot 2: the candidates to serve in the current governance if the measure does not pass
 - The Secretary of State approved the dual ballot based on the precedent of Lewiston’s election and ballot language.

Option “B” is the better layout for voters to follow and is the same layout as the Lewiston ballot accepted by the Secretary of State.

Also, on taking a closer look and having some new eyes look at these two drafts, it was noted that whichever option you choose:

- The explanation on the proposed city manager plan and candidates is good
- There should be a similar explanation on the mayor and council ballot:
In the event the ballot question “Shall the city of Ketchum adopt the city manager plan...” does not prevail, the city will retain the current mayor-council form of governance. The terms for mayor and 2 city council seats will expire on January 4.
- “Nullified” language is not necessary, due to clear explanations.
- the additional wording in parenthesis in the box for each question is awkward and not necessary.

Respectfully,

Anne Corrock

