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Miranda Gold  
Commission President  
Ada County Highway District  
5800 N. Meeker Avenue  
Boise, ID 83713

Dear President Gold,

Over the past several years, Magic View Drive, a roadway located between Eagle and Locust Grove, south of Franklin has increasingly been used as a cut-through route by motorists seeking to bypass congestion on surrounding arterial roadways. The City recognizes the importance of maintaining an efficient transportation network throughout Ada County, the unintended consequence has been a significant increase in traffic volume within the adjacent residential subdivision, Woodbridge. This area was developed to function with neighborhood streets, not as a secondary collector or arterial alternative. Therefore, the City requests that the Ada County Highway District give serious consideration to closing Magic View Drive near the intersection of N. Thornwood Way with an emergency access gate to restrict through traffic, at least until a new collector roadway further to the south is realized.

As you know, last year the City hired Kittleson & Associates to evaluate options for a new collector roadway in this area. Alternative D was selected as the preferred alignment by the Council, with a note that an additional I-84 frontage/backage road, Alternative E, would also likely be needed in this area in the long term. Our staff are currently working together to update the ACHD Master Street Map to reflect this roadway network need. We look forward to working with you and our development partners to make a new collector roadway in general alignment with Alternative D, a reality.

Our primary concern, and the main reason for this letter and our request, is public safety. Woodbridge residents have reported elevated vehicle speeds, increased traffic, and a growing number of crashes and near-miss incidents involving pedestrians, children, and cyclists. The current traffic patterns undermine the safety and livability of this community. Further, the increase in non-local or cut-through traffic has contributed to noise, reduced neighborhood cohesion, and diminished quality of life for residents. The Mayor and City Council believe that intervention is warranted before more development occurs east of Woodbridge or along Locust Grove which will increase cut-through traffic and thus a greater possibility that more serious incidents occur.

Attached to this letter is information gathered by homeowners in the Woodbridge HOA over the last month demonstrating the support of the residents. With this information, we respectfully request that ACHD conduct an expedited traffic and safety analysis of Magic View Drive and give strong

consideration to the installation of an emergency access gate or other appropriate traffic control measures to eliminate through traffic until alternatives D or E are viable and serve as a realistic alternative. We are committed to working collaboratively with ACHD to evaluate data, review alternatives, and engage affected residents to determine the most effective and equitable solution. The City stands ready to partner with ACHD to ensure that transportation infrastructure balances mobility with neighborhood safety and overall quality of life.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this request and hope this work can be done with a recommendation by the end of April. Thank you and we look forward to continued collaboration in service to our shared constituents.

Sincerely,

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