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Subject: RE: Lake Hazel

Mr. Majors,

Thank you for your email and I'm sorry to hear about the accident with your son. I hope he is doing okay and can only imagine how hard that must have been on everyone involved.

I am familiar with the property as my children also played soccer at those fields several years ago and know how busy it could get with people often parking on the shoulder. You probably know that this field is currently on an island in Ada County. It isn't in the City of Meridian and if it every needs/wants to annex it would go to Boise. Until then, it is part of Ada County and subject to their jurisdiction for development and law enforcement.

I am copying Ryan Head, the Ada County Highway District Director, so he is aware of the situation and can correct me if I provide inaccurate information. This section of road is planned to be improved with widening in 2029. With widening comes sidewalks, and it will also likely mean no parking along the road. I'm not sure what, if any additional safety improvements would be considered for this project as far as a crossing signal.

While those improvements are several years away, once completed they are going to have an impact on the amount of people who can park near the facility. Are you suggesting a conversation with the BTT leadership about reducing the amount of games or encouraging an off-site parking/shuttle plan to reduce the potential of these types of accidents? Should the road be signed no parking? Some context would be helpful to understand your thoughts on ways to address your concerns.

Respectfully,

Mayor Robert Simison
City of Meridian

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From: JSM <jacobscottmajors@gmail.com>
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To: Robert Simison <rsimison@meridiancity.org>
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Good Morning,

I am a member of the community. My son and daughter both play for the Boise Timbers who practice and play games at the BTT fields off of Lake Hazel. Anyone who is familiar with the area knows that the it can be quite treacherous for our children, especially on weekends and during tournaments. There's not enough parking available there, and so people have to find places to park all along the street and into the neighboring communities. There's significant traffic going both ways on that road at around 35-40 mph. They typically have ushers helping the cars park, but there are no crosswalks, and there are no crossing guards and so it's a free-for-all as far as people trying to cross the street. I have often thought this as I've passed through that area but unfortunately, my son was the victim of a truck hitting him as he crossed the road to go to his sister's soccer game. The traffic had stopped going one way and people began to cross, but the opposing traffic didn't stop and hit him going 35 miles an hour. This just isn't acceptable. With thousands of kids coming in and out of the facility on weekends, we need to do a better job of protecting them. I was hoping I could bring this problem to your attention and perhaps you could help the community find a way to keep our kids safe. Please feel free to reach out to me if you'd like more details.

Thank you,
Jake Majors

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