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Subject: project number: PZ-19-0352 Woodriver Village sidewalks

We live in the Southern Crossing Neighborhood and are concerned about pedestrian and vehicle safety throughout Bend and particularly in the Woodriver Village Neighborhood that we adjoin. **We hope the Bend Planning Commission's recommendation to the City Councilors will be approved regarding maintaining the code requirement to install sidewalks for new home construction.**

Building codes protect the livability of all of Bend, allowing an exception to codes would diminish safety for everyone.

The roads through Woodriver Village currently have significant car traffic and are mixed with many bicycles and pedestrians. The public park also encourages all modes of traffic.

The rustic nature of what Woodriver Village had been is no longer reflected among the newer homes. None of the property sales in the last 10 years or so have maintained the old distinctive setting. As more properties are razed and upgraded in coming years, more lots will be subdivided with two to three homes per prior lot which will result in greater population density and more bicycles, pedestrians and vehicles using those roads than do now.

It seems difficult to find justification to endanger the population who live in, near or just drive through Woodriver Village.

We sincerely hope the City Council will recognize that Woodriver Village needs sidewalks with all new homes built and maintains the current code for new homes. We hope the Council will support logic and safety in Bend.

Sincerely,
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