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Subject: Potential Roundabout At Century Drive & Skyline Ranch Road

Hi Karen,

I wanted to submit my comments for the record regarding the potential roundabout that the City is contemplating at Century Drive and Skyline Ranch/Bachelor View Road. I am a resident who lives on Bachelor View Road. My kids go to school at Miller Elementary which, when they ride their bikes to school, requires them to cross Century/Cascades Lake Highway. As you can probably imagine, this causes a lot of anxiety for my wife and myself having my kids cross what is essentially a highway within city limits where it is not uncommon for vehicles to be traveling 60 miles an hour. I have heard recently that the city has decided to reduce the speed limit on this stretch of the road to 50mph, and thank you if you had any role making that happen. However, the reality is that that is simply not enough. If anyone were to go out and observe on any given day the number of mountain bikers, joggers, children, and cars crossing the highway at this intersection, they would probably be surprised at how much activity there is. Tetherow is only continuing to grow. More and more folks are using Skyline Ranch Road through Tetherow as a cut through to trails and Mt. Bachelor from houses in North and West Bend as traffic gets heavier on Cascade Lakes Highway with continued population growth. There is a new development going in on Bachelor View Road (The Lodges @ Bachelor View) which will increase the number of people and kids crossing the highway to get to get points West, North, and East.

It is nearly impossible for me to safely turn left off of Bachelor View Road into the flow of traffic heading West to the mountain on a weekend on the winter so we take our chances and make unsafe turns into congested traffic. If I am turning right on the highway to head East towards town, I have people coming at 60mph where I can only see them about 200 yards out as they crest the blind hill next to the Loge (formerly Entrada Lodge). When I am coming back from Mt. Bachelor or trails to the West of town, I typically have someone on my tail going 55-60 mph as I try to make the awkward right turn (which is more than 45 degrees) into Bachelor View Road as there is no right turn lane to mitigate this safely. All of this would be solved with a roundabout here. I simply cannot understand the logic of why we have roundabouts out by Les Schwab headquarters where there is very little vehicle flow on any given day, yet we do not have one at one of the busiest and most dangerous intersections in our town.

I fear it is only a matter of time before there is a high speed collision at this location with consequences. Please consider and submit my comments in support of the proposed roundabout at Century Drive and Skyline Ranch Road/Bachelor View Road.

Thank you,

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