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Subject: Potential Roundabout at Century Drive and Skyline Ranch Road

Hi Karen,

We understand the City of Bend is working on an updated transportation system plan. We'd like to add our voice to the issue of possibly building a roundabout at Century Drive and Skyline Ranch Road/Bachelor View Road. We strongly support the addition of a roundabout at this intersection.

My husband and I have lived on Bachelor View Road for four years and my parents, Jack and Clara Lewis, have lived on this road for the past 38-plus years. As such, we've been observing and experiencing the rapid growth of traffic on Century Drive. In years past, it was mostly winter traffic with people headed to and from the mountain. But since we moved to Bachelor View Road, we've noticed a dramatic increase in traffic in the summer months as well. The summer traffic is continuous and heavy.

The winter traffic bunches up in the morning and again in the afternoon, often with stop and go movement from the roundabout at 14th and Colorado. During these times, it's very difficult for us to get in and out of our road. We often divert through Tetherow to avoid being stopped in this traffic. And crossing over or making a left turn can be treacherous, especially when coming home and trying to turn into BVR from Century. The left turn lane from the mountain into Tetherow can obscure a driver's vision trying to turn left onto BVR. It's just a matter of time before one of us gets T-boned by fast moving vehicles coming off the mountain.

This winter when the Century Drive had many feet of snow on it, the lanes were reduced to two at this intersection. My husband and I almost had a head-on crash with two cars headed to the mountain who decided to pass. We narrowly missed being hit by a couple of feet. My parents are in their 90s and I worry every day that my mom, who still drives, will be hit. The traffic moving down from the mountain toward town is also very dangerous when we turn right onto Century. The cars are often moving at high speeds and come upon us rapidly, often tailgating as they attempt to slow down. There's virtually no transition zone between the rural highway from the mountains and an urban interface that begins abruptly at this intersection.

We'd also like to point out the gradient between the former Entrada Lodge and BVR slopes downward, which restricts visibility for drivers coming down from the mountain as well as for those of us coming off BVR and turning in either direction. The angle of BVR as it meets Century is poorly aligned.

The city's growth is happening everywhere but this particular intersection is going to experience high use due to new developments on BVR as well as at Tetherow. We're extremely concerned about the safety of merging and exiting off Century. We feel a roundabout would dramatically slow traffic and vastly improve the safety at this vital intersection. We urge the city to consider this roundabout a high priority. It's only a matter of time before there's a serious crash.

Thanks for your consideration.

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