

Dear Flathead County Commissioners,

Please consider my comments in your final decision regarding the adoption of the Highway 93 South Whitefish Corridor Plan and Zoning Amendment. I understand that you will hold two hearings--- one for the proposed overlay zone and one for the underlying zone changes; please make my comments part of each hearing record.

- I ask that you support and give priority to one of the primary goals of the Flathead County Growth Policy, which calls for limiting a pattern of sprawling commercial development along roads and highways connecting the cities and towns in the Flathead, and instead, to encourage and direct such growth into city and town centers by denying these proposed zone changes in the Highway 93 South Whitefish Corridor Plan and Zoning Amendment.
- I support the City of Whitefish's position asking you to deny these zone changes which are in conflict with the city's plans and policies that call for cost-effective and quality growth through infill and through well-planned and cost-effective provision of city services like sewer and water and future road networks as the city grows.
- Please deny these zone changes and first work with the City of Whitefish and the Montana Department of Transportation to first develop a transportation corridor plan and access standards to address future growth along this corridor.
- The proposed overlay zone for this highway corridor fails to provide a clear and effective plan for future multiple accesses along this mile+ proposed expansion of commercial uses in this corridor and should be denied on this basis alone, but this overlay zone also fails to provide adequate standards for landscaping, highway setbacks, signage, and sidewalks/bike facilities needed to make this highway corridor a safe, attractive, gateway entrance to the City of Whitefish.
- I ask that you give priority to working with the three cities and all county residents to develop truly effective and attractive highway corridor standards for our already heavily-traveled highway corridors, to keep them free of sprawl and to better ensure that important standards needed to keep our roads safe are in place.
- I support standards for very limited nodes of commercial development along our highways, while directing commercial growth primarily into our existing towns and cities. Please deny these zone changes, as they don't do this.
- I do not support the current pattern of haphazard growth occurring along major highways in the Flathead and believe the county commissioners should do a better job to halt such growth. Please deny these proposed zone changes.

Additional comments:

Your Full Name and Address: