



**CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO**

TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

Thursday, August 18, 2022, 9:00 AM  
191 5th Street West, Ketchum, Idaho 83340

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**AGENDA**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** By City Administrator Jade Riley

**ROLL CALL:**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-204(4), all agenda items are action items, and a vote may be taken on these items.

1. Approval of July 28, 2022 minutes.
2. Conversion of parking spaces on 7th Street between Washington and First avenues from diagonal to parallel.
3. Request to install traffic calming at Exhibition and Warm Springs Road.
4. Scope of potential West Ketchum traffic calming – Wood River Drive, Bird Drive and Williams Street.
5. Installation of sign reading “Residential Area – No Compression Brakes” on west side of Highway 75 between North Bigwood Road and Saddle Road.

**ADJOURNMENT:**



CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO TRAFFIC AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, July 28, 2022, 9:00AM  
Ketchum City Hall Community Room  
191 5<sup>th</sup> St W, Ketchum, Idaho

**Present:** Jade Riley, City Administrator  
Brian Christiansen, Director of Streets & Facilities  
Suzanne Frick, Director of Planning & Building  
Jamie Shaw, Ketchum Chief of Police  
Seth Martin, Ketchum Assistant Fire Chief  
Michael David, City Councilmember  
Wes Whitesell, Ketchum Community Service Officer  
Sara Weaver, Ketchum Community Service Officer  
Kelli Trapp, Recording Secretary  
Jamie Enslin, Exhibition Drive resident

**1. Opening of Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM by City Administrator Jade Riley

**New Business**

**2. Adoption of Minutes (00:04:10 in video)**

June 16, 2022

**MOTION:**

**Motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2022**

**MOVER: Brian Christiansen**

**SECONDER: Suzanne Frick**

**All in favor**

**3. ACTION ITEM: Action on a public request for a No Parking Here To Corner or No Parking From The Guardrail To The Intersection sign on 7<sup>th</sup> St at Warm Springs Rd in front of Cookbook Restaurant going westbound**

Brian Christiansen went to the location and measured the area. The tall grass in the planters block the view when making a left movement onto Warm Springs and you cannot see traffic coming up Warm Springs. We will have to ask the owners to trim these plants back. The guardrail is in the right-of-way and the sidewalk is right on the edge of the right-of-way. The Group agreed that this area is very tight. Wes will handle notification of area businesses.

**MOTION:**

**Motion to approve No Parking Here To Corner signs on 7<sup>th</sup> St, both sides of the road just west of the guardrail up to the Warm Springs intersection, on both sides of the road**

**MOVER: Brian Christiansen**

**SECONDER: Suzanne Frick**

**All in favor**

**4. ACTION ITEM: Action on a public comment requesting changing the speed limit on the corner of Wood River Dr and Bird Dr from 20mph to 10mph; changing the speed limit on Wood River Dr from 20mph to 15mph; installation of Children At Play signs on Wood River Dr.**

Frick said in order for the speed limit change, a speed study may need to be done. Riley said that HDR will explore more traffic calming measures on Wood River Dr.

**MOTION:**

**Motion to do a quick check to determine if we could reduce the speed without a study and if so we post the speed limit around the corner at 15mph, similar to what we have done around similar areas**

**MOVER: Suzanne Frick**

**SECONDER: Brian Christiansen**

**All in favor**

**5. ACTION ITEM: Action on a public comment regarding speeding on 7<sup>th</sup> St by the bike park**

We need to get current speed data in this area before proceeding. *The Street Dept will put the counters out on 7<sup>th</sup> St to get speed data.*

**Items not on the agenda:**

Jade Riley brought up that on 7<sup>th</sup> St, the block preceding 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, the northerly portion of that, that is angle parking and Riley noticed a lot of vehicles not being able to pass due to long vehicles parked in the angled parking. Riley said we are chip sealing and there is the opportunity to transition to parallel parking on that block. Christiansen said that it would be great as that is the detour route for Wagon Days, etc., and that is the street the traffic typically comes up. If a camper is parked there it is brutal on the detour route and would be a good idea for the City to change that to parallel parking. *CSO's will do public outreach in this area.*

A few requests have been made to put a speed limit sign right after the bridge going into the dog park parking lot. Many vehicles have been witnessed speeding there. Frick said that would be important as we have many children and dogs in the area.

Jamie Enslin appeared before the Group and spoke about the speeding on Exhibition. She said it is a narrow street and suggested extending the kid zone. Riley explained the process of the City obtaining speed data in City areas and bringing that data to the next Traffic Authority meeting. *The Street Dept will put the counters out to get speed data.*

At a future meeting Michael David would like to discuss the intersection light at Elkhorn Rd and Hwy 75. He sees people trying to make a left turn at that light into Elkhorn with cars speeding past. Riley spoke to ITD about the south of town longer term scope and they were supportive of adjusting some of those speed zones. *Riley will ask ITD to accelerate that piece.*

**MOTION:**

**Motion to adjourn at 9:32AM**

**MOVER: Brian Christiansen**

**SECONDER: Suzanne Frick**

**All in favor**

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Jade Riley  
City of Ketchum Traffic Authority Chairperson  
City Administrator



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Kelli Trapp  
City of Ketchum Traffic Authority Recording Secretary

## Lisa Enourato

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**From:** Maureen Puddicombe  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 11, 2022 4:12 PM  
**To:** Michael Bulls  
**Cc:** Jade Riley; Brian Christiansen; Buffalo Rixon; Matt Walker; Scott Heiner; RLB; Lisa Enourato  
**Subject:** RE: 711 Washington Ave. - 7th Street Parking

Hi Michael,

As I am not the principle contact for this issue, I will refer your concerns to the involved parties.  
Thank you for the feedback.

Regards,

### MAUREEN PUDDICOMBE | CITY OF KETCHUM

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**From:** Michael Bulls <[mbulls@rlb-sv.com](mailto:mbulls@rlb-sv.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 11, 2022 1:57 PM  
**To:** Maureen Puddicombe <[mpuddicombe@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:mpuddicombe@ketchumidaho.org)>  
**Cc:** Jade Riley <[jriley@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:jriley@ketchumidaho.org)>; Brian Christiansen <[BChristiansen@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:BChristiansen@ketchumidaho.org)>; Buffalo Rixon <[Buffalo@rlb-sv.com](mailto:Buffalo@rlb-sv.com)>; Matt Walker <[matt@rlb-sv.com](mailto:matt@rlb-sv.com)>; Scott Heiner <[scott@rlb-sv.com](mailto:scott@rlb-sv.com)>; RLB <[rlb@rlb-sv.com](mailto:rlb@rlb-sv.com)>  
**Subject:** 711 Washington Ave. - 7th Street Parking

To whom it may concern:

Our architectural and engineering firm, RLB Architectura, is located at 711 Washington Avenue in Ketchum. On August 10, 2022, we were informed in person by a Ketchum Community Officer that the existing diagonal parking on 7<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to our building will become parallel parking spaces after the scheduled chip sealing is complete.

Retaining the existing diagonal parking spaces is valuable for our office staff and clients, surrounding businesses, and area residences. The current condition also serves to limit the speed of traffic in this portion of the neighborhood.

Diagonal parking on this portion of 7<sup>th</sup> Street, similar to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets, has been in place for over 30 years. We request the diagonal parking remain on the north side of 7<sup>th</sup> Street between Washington Ave. and the alley to the west.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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## MetroCount Traffic Executive Speed Statistics

### SpeedStat-7 -- English (ENU)

#### Datasets:

**Site:** [Exhibition] **Exhibition and Warm Springs Rd.**  
**Attribute:** <20mph>  
**Direction:** 7 - North bound A>B, South bound B>A. **Lane:** 0  
**Survey Duration:** 9:46 **Tuesday, August 2, 2022, => 7:48 Wednesday, August 10, 2022,**

### Speed Statistics

**Site:** Exhibition.0.1NS  
**Description:** **Exhibition and Warm Springs Rd.**  
**Filter time:** **9:47 Tuesday, August 2, 2022, => 7:48 Wednesday, August 10, 2022,**  
**Scheme:** Vehicle classification (Scheme F3)  
**Filter:** Cls(1-13) Dir(NESW) Sp(6,99) Headway(>0) Span(0 - 328.084) Lane(0-16)

**Vehicles** = 1325

**Posted speed limit** = 20 mph, **Exceeding** = 333 (25.13%), **Mean Exceeding** = 22.32 mph

**Maximum** = 33.8 mph, **Minimum** = 6.5 mph, **Mean** = 17.6 mph

**85% Speed** = 21.36 mph, **95% Speed** = 23.60 mph, **Median** = 17.90 mph

**12 mph Pace** = 11 - 23, **Number in Pace** = 1189 (89.74%)

**Variance** = 14.90, **Standard Deviation** = 3.86 mph

## Lisa Enourato

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**From:** Gina Poole <ginapoole10@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 8, 2022 11:03 AM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Wood River Drive

Hello,

I appreciate the opportunity to make a suggestion after speaking with Brian Christiansen.

There is a public safety issue on Wood River Drive, specifically after crossing the bike path and Bird Drive and encounter the corner where Wood River Drive bends. Please see map below:

We are long-time residents of West Ketchum and frequently walk along Wood River Drive to River Run and often witness vehicles speeding along the road. There exists a blind corner (see in Red on Map) and neighbors find themselves policing the public with home-made signs urging drivers to slow down. (Please see photos below) There are many pedestrians walking their dogs, children riding bicycles and wildlife: deer, elk and moose that spend time in the riparian area along the Wood River and sometimes on the road itself.

I am concerned that this area is ripe for an accident. The current speed limit is 20 mph which is too fast for the corner and for Wood River Drive. With the increase in full-time residents and visitors in West Ketchum, we're seeing more traffic in the area and more people using Wood River Drive to access River Run and the bike path.

I suggest that the City changes the speed limit to 10 mph for the corner and installs a sign like the one on Wood River Drive past Williams Street but with a 10 mph limit and a Children at Play sign.(see below.) I also suggest the speed limit is decreased along Wood River Drive to 15 mph.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Gina  
Gina Poole





















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## MetroCount Traffic Executive Speed Statistics

### SpeedStat-3 -- English (ENU)

#### Datasets:

**Site:** Bird Dr. between Wood River and Rember  
**Attribute:** <20mph>  
**Direction:** 7 - North bound A>B, South bound B>A. Lane: 0  
**Survey Duration:** 7:55 Tuesday, July 12, 2022 => 12:50 Tuesday, July 19, 2022,

### Speed Statistics

#### SpeedStat-3

**Site:** Bird.0.1NS  
**Description:** Between Wood River & Rember  
**Filter time:** 7:56 Tuesday, July 12, 2022 => 12:50 Tuesday, July 19, 2022  
**Scheme:** Vehicle classification (Scheme F3)  
**Filter:** Cls(1-13) Dir(NESW) Sp(6,99) Headway(>0) Span(0 - 328.084) Lane(0-16)

**Vehicles = 2715**

**Posted speed limit = 20 mph, Exceeding = 1084 (39.93%), Mean Exceeding = 22.47 mph**

**Maximum = 37.5 mph, Minimum = 6.2 mph, Mean = 19.0 mph**

**85% Speed = 22.59 mph, 95% Speed = 24.83 mph, Median = 19.13 mph**

**12 mph Pace = 13 - 25, Number in Pace = 2431 (89.54%)**

**Variance = 13.99, Standard Deviation = 3.74 mph**

## MetroCount Traffic Executive Speed Statistics

### SpeedStat-5 -- English (ENU)

#### Datasets:

**Site:** [Williams] between Wood River and Sabala  
**Attribute:** <20mph>  
**Direction:** 7 - North bound A>B, South bound B>A. Lane: 0  
**Survey Duration:** 8:00 Tuesday, July 12, 2022 => 13:30 Tuesday, July 19, 2022,

### Speed Statistics

#### SpeedStat-5

**Site:** Williams.0.1NS  
**Description:** Wood River and Sabala  
**Filter time:** 8:01 Tuesday, July 12, 2022 => 13:30 Tuesday, July 19, 2022  
**Scheme:** Vehicle classification (Scheme F3)  
**Filter:** Cls(1-13) Dir(NESW) Sp(6,99) Headway(>0) Span(0 - 328.084) Lane(0-16)

**Vehicles** = 1475

**Posted speed limit** = 20 mph, Exceeding = 151 (10.24%), Mean Exceeding = 21.58 mph

**Maximum** = 25.9 mph, **Minimum** = 6.3 mph, **Mean** = 15.2 mph

**85% Speed** = 19.24 mph, **95% Speed** = 21.36 mph, **Median** = 15.21 mph

**12 mph Pace** = 9 - 21, **Number in Pace** = 1308 (88.68%)

**Variance** = 14.32, **Standard Deviation** = 3.78 mph

## MetroCount Traffic Executive Speed Statistics

### SpeedStat-6 -- English (ENU)

#### Datasets:

**Site:** [Wood River DR.] Wood River Dr. by Sabala

**Attribute:** <20mph>

**Direction:** 7 - North bound A>B, South bound B>A. **Lane:** 0

**Survey Duration:** 6:55 Thursday, July 21, 2022 => 7:03 Thursday, July 28, 2022,

**Filter time:** 6:56 Thursday, July 21, 2022 => 7:03 Thursday, July 28, 2022 (7.00532)

**Direction:** North, East, South, West (bound), P = North, Lane = 0-16

**Separation:** Headway > 0 sec, Span 0 - 328.084 ft

### Speed Statistics

#### SpeedStat-6

**Site:** Wood River DR..0.1NS

**Description:** Wood River Dr. by Sabala

**Filter time:** 6:56 Thursday, July 21, 2022 => 7:03 Thursday, July 28, 2022

**Vehicles** = 862

**Posted speed limit** = 20 mph, **Exceeding** = 219 (25.41%), **Mean Exceeding** = 22.77 mph

**Maximum** = 35.6 mph, **Minimum** = 6.3 mph, **Mean** = 16.7 mph

**85% Speed** = 21.70 mph, **95% Speed** = 24.57 mph, **Median** = 16.33 mph

**12 mph Pace** = 10 - 22, **Number in Pace** = 682 (79.12%)

**Variance** = 21.94, **Standard Deviation** = 4.68 mph

## Lisa Enourato

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**From:** eoutwater@cox.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:46 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Unnecessary Engine Braking within Ketchum city limits on Hwy 75

To whom it may concern:

I have lived in Bigwood on the southeast edge of the golf course about 1/4 mile north of Saddle Road since 2000, and am writing to bring to your attention a particularly annoying type of road-noise that I hear quite frequently coming from Hwy 75 between North Bigwood Road and Saddle Road. This stretch of Hwy 75 is (of course) completely residential and within the city limits of Ketchum with Northwood, Beaver Springs and Adams Gulch etc. on the west side and Bigwood on the east .

The road noise I'm referring to is ***extremely loud engine/exhaust noise*** caused by 16 wheel diesel tractor-trailers using their engines to assist in reducing the speed of their trucks before reaching the traffic signal at Saddle Road. This downshifting of the transmission to help reduce speed is commonly referred to as "***engine braking***" when applied to a 16 wheeler.

I live about as far to the east of 75 as is possible within Bigwood and the noise is quite loud even here. I assume, therefore, that it is as loud or louder for the homeowners on the west side of Bigwood, and also for those directly to the west of the bike-path on the other side of the highway.

This issue can occur with all 16 wheeler diesels, but my observation is that the worst offenders are fully-loaded logging trucks coming down from the north.

My earnest request is that the city put "**RESIDENTIAL AREA-NO ENGINE BRAKING PLEASE**" signs on this one short stretch of Highway 75 between North Bigwood Road and Saddle Road that is the northern approach to the City of Ketchum.

There is of course no engine-braking noise issue south of the Saddle Road because of the traffic signal located there, and because it is a commercial area with a lower speed limit. Therefore trucks are going slower and conventional braking is sufficient. The same is true, of course, with trucks approaching Ketchum from the south.

Having driven back and forth from Idaho many times through rural residential areas in both California and Nevada over the years, I can tell you these signs are quite common where highways are in close proximity to homes. Their obvious purpose is curtailing ***unnecessary*** road noise in residential areas.

I say ***unnecessary*** in this specific case because it is clearly possible for these southbound trucks to easily stop in time for the signal at Saddle Road with conventional braking only..... **if they are adhering to the speed limit.**

Therefore, installing these signs seems to me to be; a) a potential proactive safety step, b) a worthwhile quality of life improvement for nearby residents, and c) an "easy fix" for the City of Ketchum.

Thanks very much for your attention.

Edwin Outwater III