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Mr Martin – Thanks for accepting my comments via email. Please accept these additional comments.

When I suggested the city complete a travel needs assessment, I assumed none was in place because city decisions appear to inadequately address the increasing traffic congestion.

In other words, the worsening traffic problem shows the city is currently not meeting its #1 Goal of the Transportation System Plan (TSP page 2-2), “Livability”.

The TSP discusses worsening highway capacity through town (pages 4-12,13). “To exacerbate the problem, the intersection analysis shows that minor street approach traffic at highway intersections are expected to experience high levels of delay even without considering the additional negative effect of queuing spillbacks from adjacent intersections.”

Increased traffic on Hwy 242 from Sunset Meadows onto Hwy 20 will only make it worse. Also, the existing bike path link to downtown will no doubt get much use, making the traffic flow issue even more significant.

It’s about time city decisions become consistent with the Livability Goal.

Regards,
Mark Lesko
Sisters

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Good Afternoon Mark-

The purpose of this message is to acknowledge receipt of your comments. Email is an acceptable format. The comments will be included in the record for consideration by the Planning Commission in the decision for the proposal.

In addition and for reference, the following is a link to a project webpage the City has established for this notable project. Included are the details of the proposal and the project record.

<https://www.ci.sisters.or.us/community-development/page/sunset-meadows-master-planned-development>

Also, based on your comments regarding analysis of the city's long-term traffic management, I thought it might be valuable to share the following link is the Sisters Transportation System Plan updated in 2021:

https://www.ci.sisters.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/public_works/page/22579/sisters_tsp_update_12.2021_no_appendix_05.16.22_website.pdf

Thank you,

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Mr. Martin – Please accept the following comments regarding the Sunset Meadows development:

In my 43 yrs of living in Central Oregon, I've seen many changes to the area. Many have been good. However, the recent pace of growth in Sisters, including the proposed Sunset Meadows, shows little consideration for maintaining livability in our community.

Time and again I see developments approved without seriously addressing the vehicle traffic around and through town. Parking is also becoming a more serious issue. These projects, including Sunset Meadows, will only exacerbate our traffic and parking problems.

Proponents of this and other projects typically hire specialists, such as traffic analysts, that complete biased reports with minimal negative impacts. I urge city planners to give equal weight to observations and concerns of existing residents regarding Sisters traffic and parking issues.

Any new developments, including Sunset Meadows, should be postponed until the city completes an objective, thorough analysis of the city's long-term traffic management and parking needs.

Regards,
Mark Lesko
Sisters

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