



June 29, 2022

Teton County Board of County Commission
P.O. Box 3594
Jackson, WY 83001
Via: commissioners@tetoncountywy.gov

Subject: Traffic mitigation measures needed for Snake River Bridge and WY 22/390 intersection construction.

Dear Teton County Board of County Commissioners

We collectively request Teton County Commissioners communicate with WYDOT to ensure that ample construction traffic mitigation measures are included in the WYDOT contract for construction of the Snake River Bridge and WY 22/390 intersection.

Given the already critically congested WY 22 corridor and the three-year construction period, we believe WYDOT will need to incorporate non-traditional measures to allow the community and local economy to function during the construction period. While we appreciate that WYDOT has assured the community that pathways will remain open and traffic will be rerouted to maintain two lanes of traffic flow, we believe significant traffic demand management and more innovative contractor requirements are needed.

Last September, 2021, a group of transportation advocates led by Teton County Public Works staff brainstormed mitigation measures we believe are needed to address the inevitable traffic, safety and economic crisis that could ensue. Given that construction plans and documents are being finalized and will be bid as early as this September, we want to elevate this issue to the County Commissioners and ensure that WYDOT and the County are doing everything possible to proactively address this concern.

Some of the measures we are asking WYDOT to incorporate include:

- Double shift and/or nighttime construction (8pm-7am);
- Conduct the most impactful work outside of the peak season.
- Ensure safe pathway connectivity is maintained 100% of the time through the construction area.
- Incentivize the WYDOT contract to have early completion bonuses – or penalties – in the contract.
- Financial incentives in contract to deal with traffic issues and promote contractor innovation in managing construction traffic. In addition to WYDOT's specific provisions, allow for contractor to propose innovative ideas for construction traffic mitigation and control. Special provisions under base contract.
- Proactive incident response

TDM and communications

- Partner/provide funding/collaborate with Town of Jackson, County, TVA, START, GTNP, etc. on a comprehensive TDM communications plan/information campaign.

Traffic conditions on Hwy 22 are often beyond failure during peak commuting hours. Any disruptions along this corridor cause significant interruption to traffic flow; so the bridge replacement and intersection improvement project will further impact the critical existing situation.

In preparation for the 2017 Eclipse event, the Town and County took effective and extraordinary measures to inform and educate the public and be prepared for worst-case traffic scenarios, and that was for a 3-hour event that might have had 1-4 days of true impact on the community. Why not a similar coordinated response for an event that will have significantly more and longer impact on our community?

We will also contact our legislative delegation and senior WYDOT staff as soon as possible so that we take proactive measures in advance of bidding the construction project.

Sincerely,

Teton Transportation Coalition Members

Teton Village Association ISD

Friends of Pathways

JH Conservation Alliance

JH Working

Wilson Advocacy Group

Greater Yellowstone Coalition

JH Wildlife Foundation

Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities

JH Chamber of Commerce

JH Mountain Resort

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