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I write to request that Missoula Development Services and Missoula City Council postpone any decision on rezoning the 57-acre parcel at Mullan Rd. / Flynn Ln. I strongly agree with Councilwoman Becerra's concerns that rezoning be postponed "**until a federal grant is announced, followed by a more robust planning process.**"

While not disagreeing with the project's purported objective of providing more affordable housing, this project follows numerous past developments in the west-of-Reserve Street area with no associated improvements in the street infrastructure required to support the increase in traffic.. Traffic on Mullan Road and Reserve Street has reached legendary levels, far beyond their design capacities and notorious for crashes and injuries. I believe all future development that increases vehicle traffic on Reserve Street should be postponed until major permanent solutions have been designed and built to safely accommodate arterial traffic flows. Planning and right-of-way acquisition for a high-speed bypass should be first priority for study and action by Missoula Development Services.

Thank you for your attention. Wendell Beardsley