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I am a resident of the south hills in Missoula and would like to make a comment regarding the Hillview Crossing proposed subdivision.

In general, I'm for the project, more housing, with higher density makes sense. If the city has capacity in the existing utility infrastructure I'm all for it. My major concern is the lack of turn lane into the project from Hillview Way. I drive this road at least twice a day so speaking from experience, I know how valuable the turn lanes are. When Hillview was redone a few years ago, this proposed project was known about and should have been considered in the master plan. Turn lanes were developed on several streets along Hillview including Clearview Way and Black Pine. Turn lanes are really important for safety and traffic flow. Because Hillview is so steep, gaining and keeping momentum is important for fuel efficiency and safety in poor road conditions. A lack of turn lane into this new development would most certainly cause a back up of traffic as vehicles turn into the area. That makes all the traffic behind need to slow down and loose momentum on a steep slope. During the construction period, there will be trucks and equipment entering the area and with no turn lane this will obviously cause issues. A point may be made that Hillview is so new and making a turn lane would mean removing some perfectly good roadway or at minimum modifying it. This argument is near-sighted and flawed as the long term traffic flow is much more important. I'm sure all of residents who are paying for the road (over the next several years) would very much appreciate a turn lane here. Furthermore, it should be the developer's responsibility to secure the space and funding for this turn lane as a benefit to the subdivision. Let's not build a big new project with functional impediments right from the start.

Please require a turn lane into this development, it would make the hundreds of drivers that use Hillview every day more happy and safe.

Thank you.

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