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Teton County Commissioners  
PO Box 3594  
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Dear Commissioners;

Although The Homeowners Association at Melody Ranch is thankful that the unsafe condition of the existing bridge over Flat Creek is finally being addressed – it has also been hearing from our members concerning the upcoming closure of South Park Loop Road. The Melody Ranch HOA board would like to share these concerns with you and respectfully requests a response.

The following are questions being raised by our members:

- Why was there no public process to get input on the options?
- What plan is in place to handle emergencies to our subdivision?
- What is the time difference on emergency vehicle travel to our homeowners?
- What analysis was done to show that this option selected was the best balance of public impacts, costs and safety?
- What other options were considered for public travel?
- What safety impacts are there due to additional travel diverted onto South Park Loop Road and High School Road?
- What coordination was done with WYDOT for adjusting traffic signal times at northern South Park Loop (Maverick) and High School Road – HWY 89 intersections?
- What incentive / disincentive were placed on the contractor to ensure timely completion?

Our understanding from the County Engineer is that the County is actively pursuing a culvert detour option to the north of the existing bridge. It is our understanding that this northern detour has adjacent landowner approval and is allowed by the Army Corps permit. The HOA would strongly encourage the County to choose this option in spite of the minor cost incurred. Any cost needs to be weighed against the affected homeowners transportation costs and safety over the four months of proposed bridge closure. The decreased emergency response time to the area for both fire and EMS is also a prime concern. In addition, the impact of diverting some 600-700 daily vehicle trips onto a secondary road, and the decreased safety on that road, need to be weighed.

Your prompt response is appreciated.

On behalf of the full board,



The Meadows at Melody Ranch Board of Directors

CC: Sean O'Malley