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Ketchum City Council and Administration members:

Thank you again for ensuring an evaluation of and developing a Ketchum Master Transportation plan.

An additional and vital element of the Master Plan is the **alley infrastructure**, which is a key component of Ketchum traffic circulation.

The alleys are accessed by pedestrians and motor vehicles alike, providing expedient access to not only the community core, but all of the businesses and residences downtown and in West Ketchum.

The alleys are critical to the transportation/deliveries/access of Ketchum just as much as the streets are - and therefore need to be preserved by remaining open at both ends.

My particular concern is the potential elimination of one end of what I will refer to as "Leadville Alley" (Unlike the mews of London, the alleys of Ketchum are not named). Leadville Avenue and Leadville Alley work as major arteries of the community core. As illustrated by the attached photo, it is fully engaged during the business day and evenings for deliveries and residential access ALL YEAR LONG.

Stakeholders in this block include both the active businesses as well as the building residents. Eliminating access at either or both ends of Leadville Alley prevents current and potential businesses from conducting their daily business, as well as impacting the property owners—both commercial and residential.

#### **Proposed Solutions:**

- The businesses and residences using Leadville Alley need to keep both ends of the alley open for 12 months of the year, for safety and access reasons.
- The same stakeholders agree to a one-way passage solution of the alley as long as BOTH ends are open. A particular recommendation is a one way traffic flow that enters from Sun Valley Road and exits at Fourth Street through a single lane.
- If it remains critical to expand The Ketchum Plaza on a seasonal basis, my neighbors and I recommend incorporating 4<sup>th</sup> street from the bathrooms to East Street.

In closing, I hope you will seriously consider the letters submitted during both the community request period for The Master Plan as well as the letters submitted during last year's unexplained closure. They support the point made in this letter. And they generally state that closing any of the alleys around Fourth Street will not provide the spirit you are seeking for the area, and will create havoc for all those who live and conduct business in the area.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

With kind regards,

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