

December 16, 2021

Dear City Council,

We are neighbors and property owners that live along existing Experiment Station Road. We have received notification of the following with more detail in your 12/16/2021 City Council agenda packet Item 80.3: (Note: 80.3 is UP-21-241 and 80.4 is ANNEX 21-242 in the City Council Agenda)

- UP-21-241: A legislative amendment to adopt an Urbanization Plan for planning unit MD-7b into the Neighborhood Element of the Comprehensive plan.
- ANNEX 21-242: Consideration of a request for annexation to the City of Medford of approximately 84 acres.

In the above request for adoption, The Transportation System Plan is referenced with regard to a new roadway on Experiment Station Road. As residents on and around Experiment Station Road, we have concerns about constructing a new roadway with this standard classification.

Here is the sole verbiage related to Experiment Station Road in Medford's Transportation System Plan adopted in December of 2018 (Pg 82).

New Roadways and Roadway Extensions Projects					
Project #	Location	Project Type	Description	Tier	Cost (\$1,000)
681	Experiment Station Road, Kings Highway to Holly Street	New Roadway	Construct new minor collector standard (includes one lane in each direction, bike facilities, and sidewalks)	2	\$3,830

We are requesting an assessment to consider reclassification of existing Experiment Station Road and any extension from a minor collector standard to a lower order residential standard roadway. We believe Planning unit MD-7b's owners/agents/developers have potential options to consider an alternate minor collector standard roadway such as Queen Bee that will be in a commercial/service commercial zone.

While, the Planning Commission voted in favor of the Urbanization Plan at their October 28, 2021, hearing (File No. UP-21-241), there was discussion of the benefits of moving the minor collector roadway from Experiment Station Road to a parallel street south in planning unit MD-7b.

We recognize the importance of properly notifying the public of any changes that may impact them related to planning unit MD-7b. We also understand there would need to be an amendment to the Transportation System plan so that all interested parties would have an opportunity to provide input and that this would require a request from you for the Medford planning department to proceed with that work.

As you can imagine, this development will have a major impact on all of us residing in the area. Many residents have lived here for a very long time and we hope that you will consider our request and take action today to address our concerns.

Thank you for your consideration,

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