

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING STAFF REPORT

DATE OF MEETING:

June 14, 2022

AGENDA ITEM:

General Plan Amendment

DOCUMENT:

Road System Master Plan

AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Berg Engineering

APPLICANT PROPERTY OWNER:

Rising Heights LLC

OTHER DIRECTLY AFFECTED

PROPERTY OWNER:

Abraham Neerings Trust

ITEM: 4

Berg Engineering, agent for Rising Heights LLC, is proposing a General Plan Amendment to amend the Midway City's Road System Master Plan. This proposal would remove a portion of the future planned road from 200 South between 740 East and Michie Lane through parcel 00-0006-6169 and parcel 00-0020-9351.

BACKGROUND:

Berg Engineering, agent for Rising Heights LLC, is proposing a General Plan Amendment which would amend the City's Road System Master Plan and remove a portion of the future planned road from 200 South between 740 East and Michie Lane through parcel 00-0006-6169 (Rising Heights LLC) and parcel 00-0020-9351 (Abraham Neerings Trust). The planned road that is proposed for removal has been part of the City's planned roads since the adoption of the 2011

Midway General Plan. The City must decide if the road necessary to meet the goals and the vision described in the General Plan.

The owner of the property is proposing the amendment so that if the property is developed then the road connection will not be required. The applicant would like to build a school on the property, which is a conditional use in the R-1-11 zone, though any type of development would be approved that is allowed in the R-1-11 zone unless the approval is subject to conditions. The applicant has included the following reasons why the road should not be required (see attached letter):

Advantages to removing 200 South between 740 East and Michie Lane

- At 740 East there is approximately 1,700 feet between Main Street and Michie Lane. A local road at 200 South that connects neighborhoods makes sense for areas west of 740 East. However, at the east end of the Rising Heights School property there is only 260 feet between 200 South and Main Street. For this short distance a local road is not needed to provide connectivity.
- There is only about 140 feet of separation between the proposed 200 South and Zurich Lane. Removing 200 South will remove closely spaced intersections conflicts.
- Allows for more open space and play area on the school site.
- Reduces potential conflicts between car traffic and school children.
- A portion of 200 South goes through the Neerings property. The Neerings have raised concerns about 200 South running through their property during the public hearings for the nearby Edelweiss Meadows Subdivision.
- Removing the proposed section of 200 South would eliminate road intersection alignment issues in the Neerings property.

Amending the General Plan is a legislative action. The City Council is under no obligation to approve an amendment. All issues should be considered in a legislative process which is unlike when the City Council acts administratively.

ANALYSIS:

Whenever there is a proposed amendment to the land use code or one of the adopted maps, the City should look to the General Plan for guidance. There should be support for any proposed amendments in the General Plan for an amendment to be successful.

The General Plan focuses on transportation and the needed connectivity that allows a community to function. The City has adopted the Road System Master Plan to assure roads are built it areas where they have been identified that they are needed. The following are selections from the General Plan regarding future street planning and connectivity:

- The transportation element is designed to provide for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods in the City. Its primary purpose is to balance current and future demands generated by projected future growth with roadway improvements. In essence, it is a long-range transportation plan which would efficiently support future land development and ultimately Midway's vision for the future.
- Additional east-west mobility will be central to mitigating these effects. As Midway continues to grow, building a complete system of roads and trails using multiple corridors and alternatives will become even more important.
- Neighborhood connectivity is important for local traffic and for emergency response and should be considered for all new development. Neighborhood connectivity will allow local traffic to use local streets and through traffic to use the collector roads which will allow traffic to be the safest and most efficient.
- Transportation Goals and Guidelines
 - Objective 2: Design an adequate transportation system for current and future residents and areas of development.
 - Guideline 3: Neighborhood connectivity is important for local traffic and for emergency response and should is preferred for all new development.

One point emphasized in the General Plan is connectivity which is important for local traffic and emergency response. Local traffic is dispersed when there are more options. Also, emergency response is affected if there are limited options to arrive at the site of an emergency. Even road construction benefits if there are options for traffic detours. All these items make connectivity important to have a transportation that functions for a community.

As previously mentioned, the applicant would like to build a school on the property, which is a conditional use in the R-1-11 zone, though any type of development would be approved that is allowed in the R-1-11 zone unless the approval is subject to conditions. One issue to consider that is specific to the property is a through road may make better sense on the property if a residential subdivision were proposed but may not make as much sense if a school is built on the property. If approval is recommended, the Planning Commission may consider approving the amendment with the condition that only a school and its associated uses are built on the entire acreage of the property. If a residential development, or any other permitted or conditional use is proposed, then through road would be required.

POSSIBLE FINDINGS:

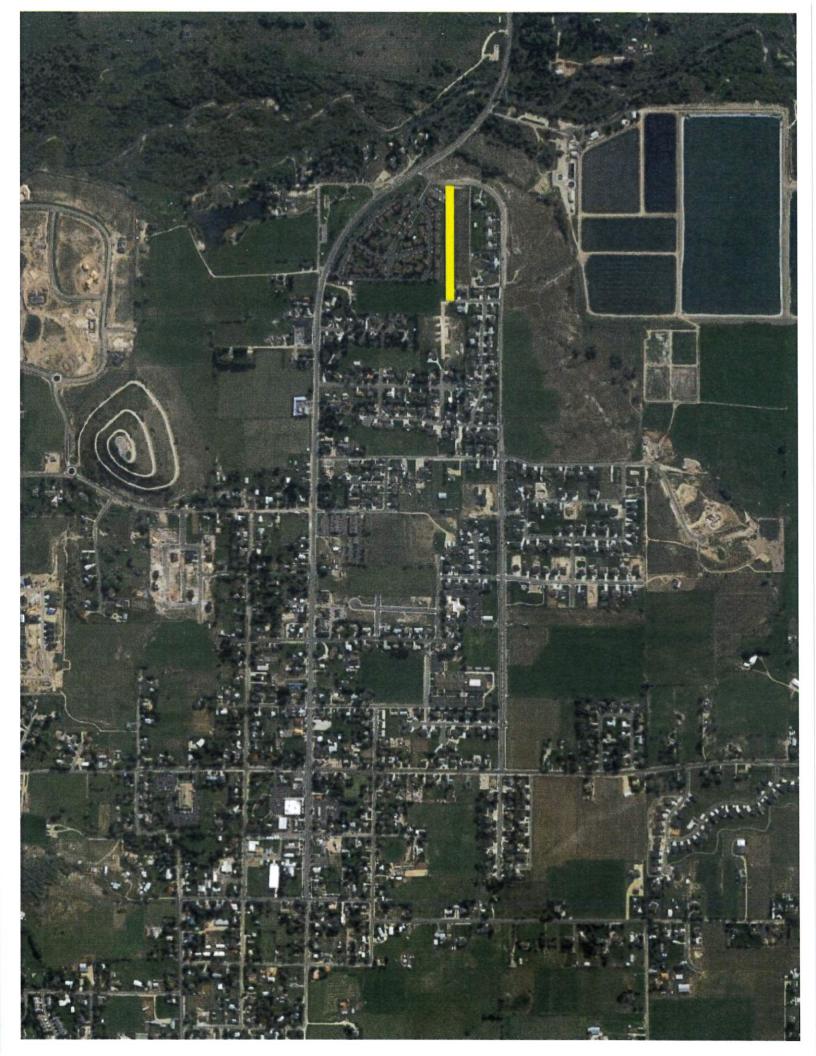
- The road has been planned since at least 2011.
- With less connecting roads, more traffic is forced on to the existing roads which compounds as Midway grows.
- Goals in the General Plan promote connectivity for local traffic circulation and emergency response.
- More connectivity allows for options for detours when roads are under construction.

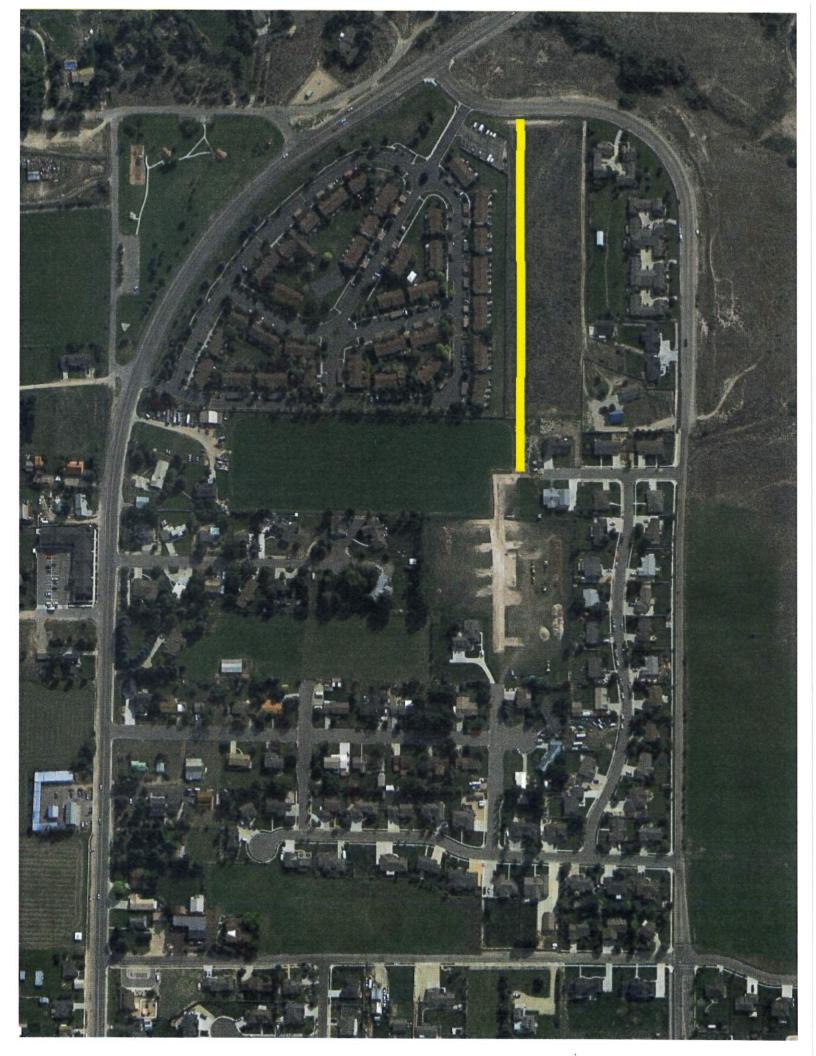
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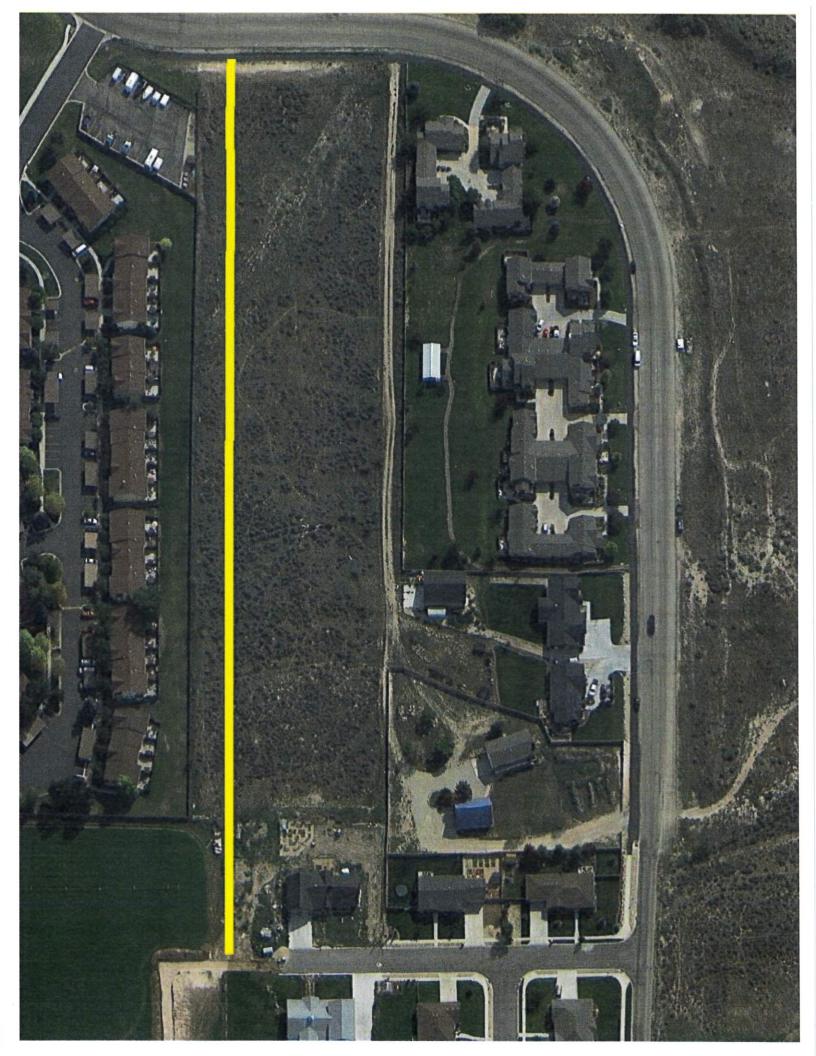
- 1. <u>Recommendation for Approval</u>. This action can be taken if the Planning Commission finds there is good cause to amend the General Plan.
 - a. Accept staff report
 - b. List accepted findings
 - c. Reasons for approval (findings)
- 2. <u>Continuance</u>. This action can be taken if the Planning Commission finds that there are unresolved issues.
 - a. Accept staff report
 - b. List accepted findings
 - c. Reasons for continuance
 - i. Unresolved issues that must be addressed
 - d. Date when the item will be heard again
- 3. <u>Recommendation of Denial</u>. This action can be taken if the Planning Commission finds there is not good cause to amend the General Plan.
 - a. Accept staff report
 - b. List accepted findings
 - c. Reasons for denial

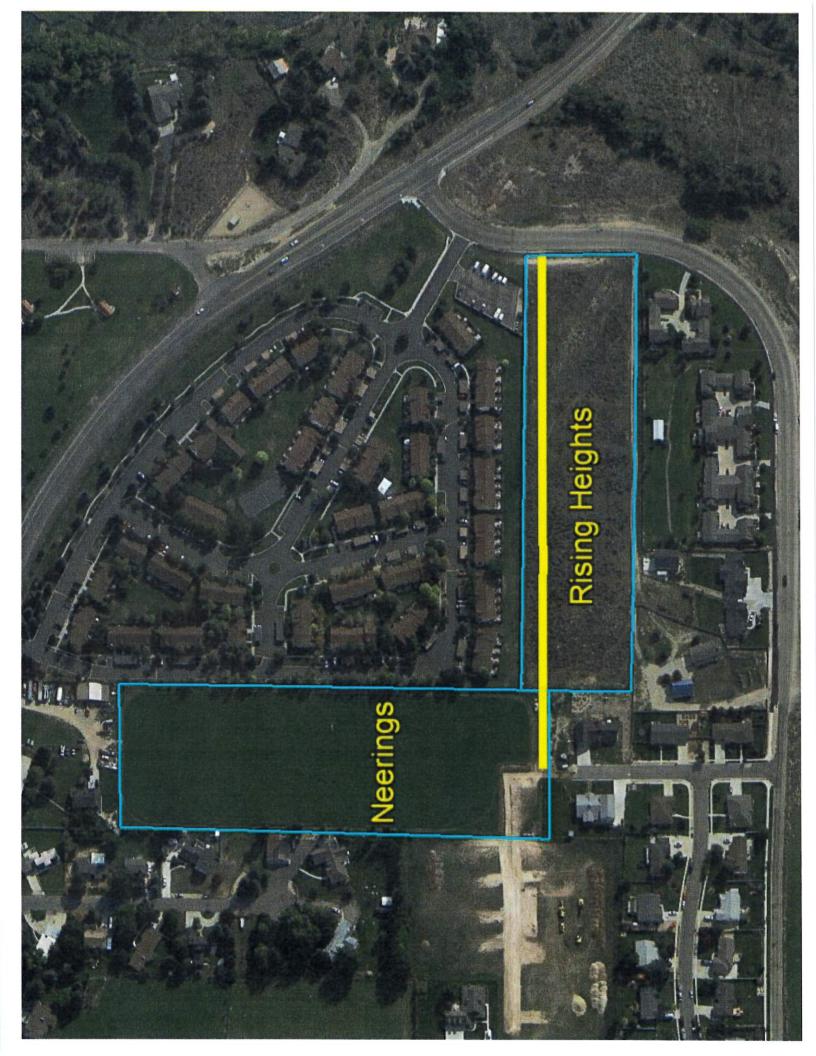
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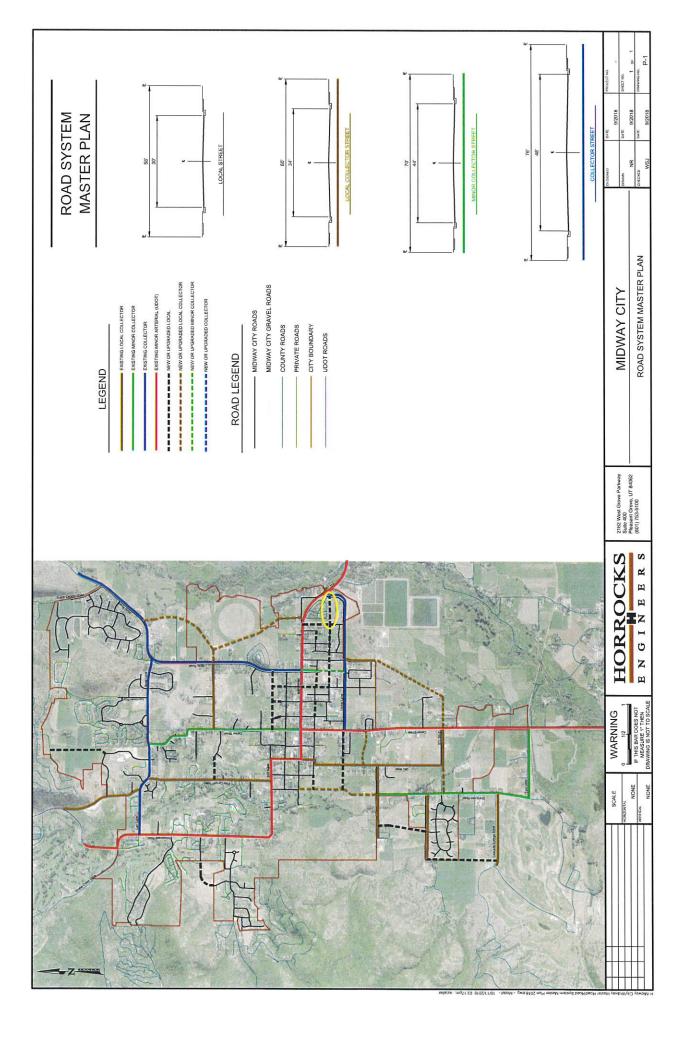
The General Plan amendment is conditioned that the Road System Master plan is only amended for the construction of a school for the entire parcel (no dwellings are included on any of the 4.78 acre parcel).

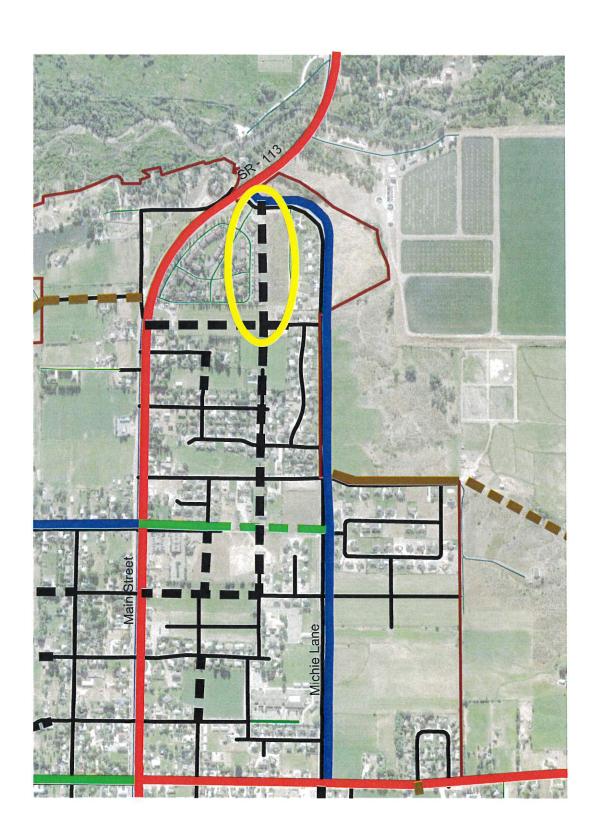










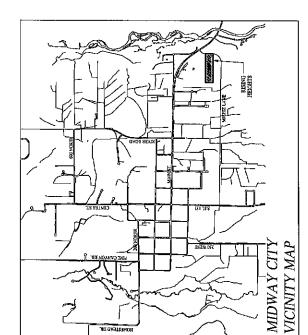




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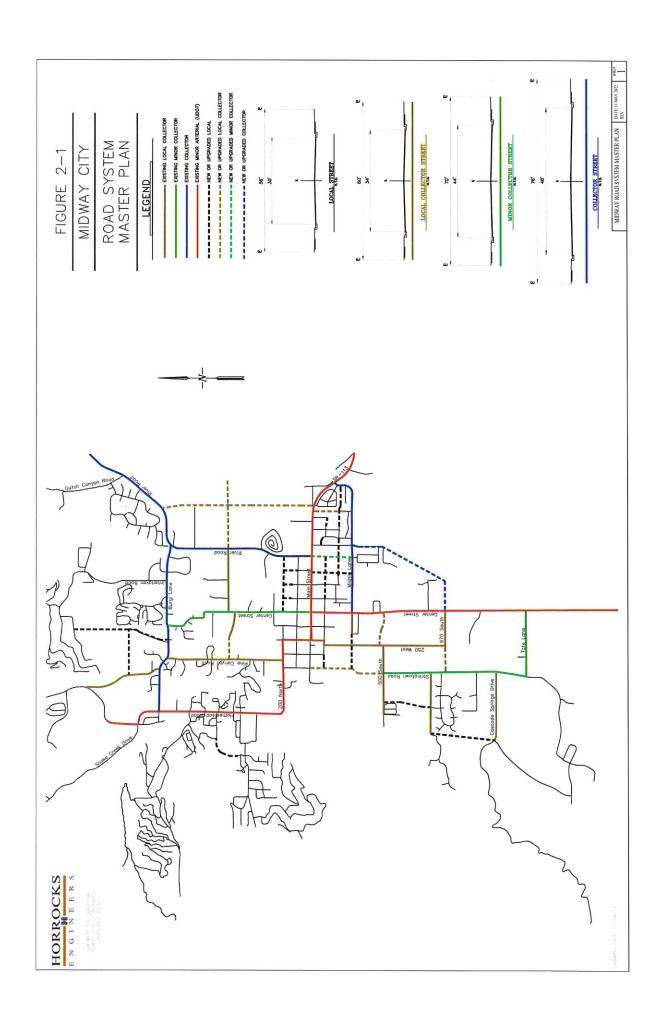


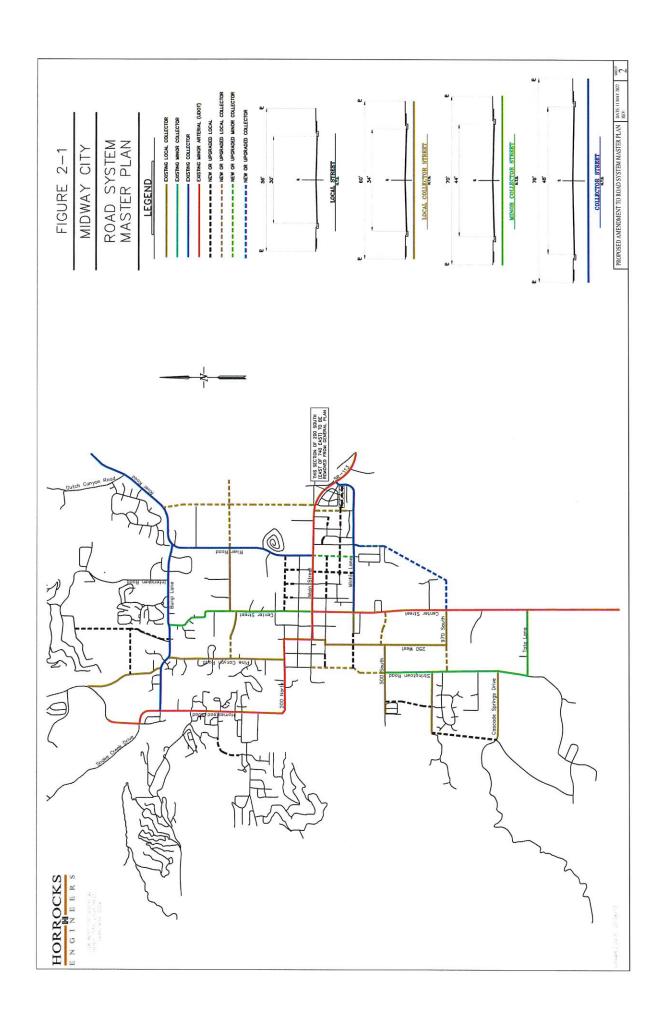
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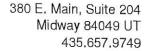
RISING HEIGHTS SCHOOL













May 10, 2022

Michael Henke Midway City Planner 75 North 100 West Midway, Utah 84049

Re:

Rising Heights School

Request to Amend Master Street Plan

Dear Michael:

The proposed Rising Heights School requests to amend the Midway City Master Street Plan to remove a section of 200 South between 740 East and Michie Lane. This letter provides a response to questions listed on the General Plan Amendment Application for this request.

Advantages to Removing 200 South between 740 East and Michie Lane

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Negative Affects to Removing 200 South between 740 East and Michie Lane

- Less connectivity in the area.
- Removes a second route in and out of the school.

Health, Safety, Transportation, Aesthetics, Recreational, Educational and Cultural Opportunities

- The proposed school will provide new educational opportunities for Midway. Amending the master road plan will allow the school to have additional room for play and recreation areas.
- The safety and transportation advantages of amending the master road plan are listed above.

Reduction of Waste of Physical, Financial or Human Resources

Removing the section of 200 South between 740 East and Michie Lane will eliminate the waste and cost of building a unneeded road. Removing this section of road will allow for more play area and open space on the proposed school site.

Efficient and Economical Use, Conservation and Production of Food, Water and Facilities
The property is not being farmed. No food production will be removed with the development of the property. No new utilities mains or other facilities are needed to serve the proposed school.

Energy Conservation

The proposed general plan amendment to remove a section of 200 South has little to no affect on energy consumption or conservation. However, the proposed school should consider green building techniques and other energy conservation practices.

Protection of Urban Development

Removing 200 South from the Master Street Plan reduces the amount of road in the area and allows for the school to have more open space and play area. Removing a through road from the school property also reduces potential conflicts between cars and children.

Protection or Promotion of Moderate Income Housing

The proposed school does not create a greater demand for moderate income housing in the city nor does it provide housing.

Protection and Promotion of Air Quality

The proposed school will add vehicle trips to the area which will have an impact on air quality. However, due to the small size of the school, it should have less impact than if the property was developed into town homes similar to the properties to the north and south.

Historic Preservation

There no buildings or other historical structures on the property.

Future Land Uses That Require an Expansion of Services

The proposed school will require service connections to the existing water, pressure irrigation and sewer systems. No expansion of the water, pressurized irrigation or sewer mains is anticipated. Existing water and pressurized irrigation mains in Michie Lane can provide service to the property. An existing sewer line near the west property line can provide sewer service.

Please let me know if you have any comments or questions regarding this request to amend the master road plan.

Respectfully,

Paul Berg, P.E.