

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE CITY OF KETCHUM
SUPPORTING THE BLAINE COUNTY
COMMUNITY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the cities, communities, residents and businesses of Blaine County desire a cohesive and comprehensive vision for developing, standardizing, and growing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, amenities, and policies in Blaine County and the municipalities within the county.

WHEREAS, the Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee identified the need for a comprehensive, multi-jurisdictional bike and pedestrian master plan, and created a sub-committee/working group to address the need.

WHEREAS, a working group of representatives from Blaine County, Blaine County Recreation District, the City of Bellevue, the City of Hailey, the City of Ketchum, the City of Sun Valley, Mountain Rides Transportation Authority, St. Luke's Center for Community Health, the Wood River Bike Coalition, and private individuals from the community have collaborated financial resources and efforts to produce the Blaine County Community Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (hereafter "Master Plan").

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchum participated in several workshops, stakeholder meetings and surveys that contributed to formation of the Master Plan.

WHEREAS, an inventory and analysis was conducted on current bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure provided throughout Blaine County, which found a consistent need for improved and enhanced bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure both within major jurisdictions and between jurisdictions.

WHEREAS, the Master Plan incorporates policies and plans from all jurisdictions within Blaine County that contribute to well-planned mobility improvements.

WHEREAS, the Master Plan provides a broad overview of the needs of the community and some solutions to meet those needs.

WHEREAS, the Master Plan provides potential implementation steps for specific projects and improvements.

WHEREAS, bicycle and pedestrian amenities are required to provide an accessible, safe, and attractive transportation mode that improves mobility, recreation, and the overall health of the community.

WHEREAS, the national bicycling industry, according to a recent study, contributes and estimated \$133 billion to the United States economy and economic benefits of a well-planned bicycle and pedestrian system are known to include increases in tourist revenue, property values, retail sales, and the attraction of good employees looking for a high quality of life atmosphere.

WHEREAS, the health benefits of a well-planned bicycle and pedestrian system contribute to a healthier population by improving cardiovascular health, creating strong social ties, and reducing stress, among other benefits.

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchum desires safer, more accessible, and more comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure that can be built to serve the public and promote the general welfare of our community.

WHEREAS, the mayors for the cities of Bellevue, Hailey and Ketchum signed a proclamation in 2012 for the Official National Bike To School Day recognizing the importance of building activity such as biking and walking into daily routine and evaluating bicycling and walking conditions and “bikeability” including enabling children to safely bike and walk in their communities.

WHEREAS, the Master Plan shall be utilized as a guiding document that is not binding to any jurisdiction or entity without formal approval and engagement of the relevant jurisdiction or private entity potentially involved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF KETCHUM: The City of Ketchum approves and adopts the Blaine County Community Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan dated June 27, 2014.

CITY OF KETCHUM

Mayor Nina Jonas