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This message originated outside of the City of McMinnville.

Hello Heather,

My name is Cristi Mason-Rivera. I live at 7135 Red a Prairie Rd, Sheridan. I also own a property at 20901 Caleb Payne Rd, McMinnville on Highway 18 where I operate my art business and gallery with my husband and live a good portion of my life.

I would like to add my comments and concerns on the McMinnville UGB for the record.

As I'm sure most all people living in this area do, my family and I love McMinnville and this entire county for its wonderful people, culture, beauty and open spaces.

I believe all of our abilities to enjoy this community is being directly threatened by this plan, however. With an ever increasing population this specific plan will bring, traffic on the roads in and around McMinnville will become more and more intolerable, increasingly dangerous and inevitably deadly.

In my research I could not find specific statistics on the amount of accidents on Highway 18, but it is well known it is a dangerous road with many thousands of cars traveling on it daily. I know personally of dozens of accidents between Sheridan and McMinnville, too many of them resulting in fatalities, including an accident that happen just a few days ago involving one of our employees, who is in the hospital from his injuries. Another driver very sadly died at the scene.

Every day as I travel to my gallery I am scared for my life as I make the turn onto Caleb Payne Rd from Highway 18. Since I've lived in the area for nearly 20 years, the traffic has steadily worsened and become more and more dangerous.

My questions are these...What studies have been completed on the impact this plan will have on our roads, including traffic congestion and parking issues as well as how many more deaths will result because of the increase of cars on our inadequate small roads in and out of town? What solutions will be implemented to address these issues?

How many years before we will be re-evaluating once again the UGB for expansion?

When will this urban sprawl ever end or will it?

Whose voices, very specifically, are you representing with a yes vote on this expansion?

Thank you for letting me express my concerns and in advance for your responses.

Cristi Mason-Rivera

Sent from my iPhone

