

KETCHUM/SUNVALLEY JOINT RESOLUTION 06-025

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A KETCHUM/SUN VALLEY COMMENT LETTER
REGARDING THE STATE HIGHWAY 75 DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released the State Highway 75 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for public review and comment in December, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Ketchum and Sun Valley, Idaho have studied and discussed the DEIS as presented and find the proposed Highway 75 expansion to be a major and significant public improvement which will be integral to the overall planning of the region for accommodating the future growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Ketchum and Sun Valley have joined with the Cities of Hailey, Bellevue and Carey, Idaho and Blaine County to address the mutual and common needs, desires and opinions of the jurisdictions regarding improvements proposed in the DEIS and have adopted and submitted two unified letters stating these mutual comments dated January 26, 2006 and February 24, 2006 to ITD and the FHWA during the public comment period; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Ketchum and Sun Valley have identified specific plans and design elements proposed in the DEIS, which are highly relevant to Ketchum's and Sun Valley's near and long term transportation and multi-modal transportation planning which seeks to control the growth of traffic, and

WHEREAS, Cities of Ketchum and Sun Valley have identified specific plans and design elements proposed in the DEIS which are also highly relevant to the Cities' land use plans, including view protection, context sensitive design, entryway enhancement and support of the Ketchum commercial center; and

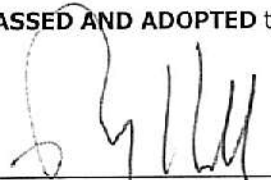
WHEREAS, the Cities of Ketchum and Sun Valley wish to work in a highly collaborative and productive manner with ITD and FHWA to ensure that local land use, transportation and transit plans are supported fully in the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision and in the subsequent Highway 75 design process; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Ketchum and Sun Valley understand and are committed, whenever feasible, to presenting coordinated and shared comments to ITD and the FHWA.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KETCHUM CITY COUNCIL AND BY THE SUN VALLEY CITY COUNCIL:

1. The attached letter dated February 24, 2006 be submitted to ITD and FHWA as a joint comment letter from the Cities of Ketchum and Sun Valley on the State Highway 75 Draft Environmental Impact Statement.
2. The joint comment letter states the general comments, concerns, recommendations, and requests of the Cities of Ketchum and Sun Valley which need to be considered and addressed prior to and subsequently in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, Record of Decision and Highway 75 design process.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2006.


Randy Hall, Mayor
City of Ketchum, Idaho

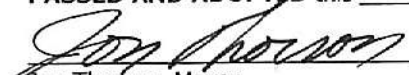
ATTEST:


Sandy Cady, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
CONTENT


Ben Worst, City Attorney

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of February, 2006.


Jon Thorson, Mayor
City of Sun Valley, Idaho

ATTEST:


David Blampied, City Administrative Assistant

