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Dear City Council,

I'm opposed to the Stone Lane Bridge. Here are just a few of the reasons:

#1 is Safety – With Stone Lane Bridge traffic dumping onto Whistler Dr. (a narrow road with high neighborhood bicycle traffic and school buses) the additional traffic creates a lot of safety concerns for cyclists who are already sharing the road with cars and no bike lanes. There are a lot of children who ride their bikes and skateboards on this road as well. We don't have bike lanes on Whistler.

In addition, the school buses pick up and drop off kids who have to cross Whistler Dr. to get to their homes.

#2 Neighborhood Transformation -- Why transform a quiet residential neighborhood into a high-traffic area? How does this benefit our community? Who benefits from this?

Why is this project a high priority? Where is the justification and transparency in setting this project as one of the city's highest priorities? Based on T&MP's own project ranking models, the Stone Lane Bridge project should **never have been a priority**, yet it continues to be the highest priority for city engineers. Why?

#3 -- Environmental Sustainability-- This project clearly will harm local water quality, the local floodplain, local wildlife, and residents who live near Walton Creek. The removal of a large wetland within the City Limits and so close to the Yampa River must be recognized as having a negative impact on Environmental Sustainability.

Thanks in advance for your support,

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