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Bob Vosen
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RE: Safety improvements near proposed Town Pump location

Dear Mr. Vosen,

Missoula County, on behalf of our constituents, respectfully requests the Montana Department of Transportation to require Town Pump to implement safety improvements to the intersection south of their proposed store location in Frenchtown.

This intersection, at Frenchtown Frontage Road and Demer Street, is under MDT's jurisdiction. There have been approximately 16 crashes at this intersection over the past five years, including one fatality. This location poses several concerns that adding a traffic signal or roundabout would address, including:

- a significant grade on the west side of the intersection, which often causes motorists to drive through the stop sign when icy
- insufficient staging for vehicles waiting to turn onto the frontage road, which causes vehicles to get backed up to the off ramp
- a heavily traveled pedestrian path that children use to walk and bike to school

We expect the issues with this intersection to compound with the increased traffic the new store will bring. It would be in the best interest of residents, travelers and Town Pump staff for safety issues to be addressed in this area.

If you have any questions or if we can provide further information, please feel free to reach out to Public Works Director Jason Mitchell at 406-258-4818 or jmitchell@missoulacounty.us.

Sincerely,

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