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To the City of Sammamish,

I am opposed to the current [EIS scope](#) as it focuses on traffic concurrency. This Environmental Impact Study (EIS) will be used to drive changes to the comprehensive plan and land use policy which will have significant impacts on the lives of every resident of Sammamish.

- The repeated and continued significant lack of transparency during this process and effort is unacceptable.
- The majority of EIS scoping submitted public comments including mine- submitted in July of 2020 were not considered or added to the scope.
- There has been NO public deliberation by Planning Commission or City Council about the BLUMA EIS scope.
- There have been NO public hearings held on the BLUMA EIS. See [WAC 197-11-535](#).

The scope of this EIS focuses on traffic concurrency an issue the Council has been wrong about and the GMHB invalidated the V/C LOS and due to repeated moratoriums the City was called Oi by the GMHB. Neither focus of this draft EIS addresses issues of internal housing imbalances in Sammamish over the cycle of life, nor appropriate local services and generational sustainability. It does not ponder suitable transit solutions, it does however discuss adding expensive, unreasonable roads - this was a discussion you will recall I raised about Sahalee and Council using the V/C there to force over \$54 million in unnecessary repairs the city's own traffic consultant said would achieve "no noticeable difference" in transit!

I request, at a minimum, the city hold two public hearings on the Draft BLUMA EIS (DEIS) at two separate City Council meetings - held at least two weeks apart. Even MORE appropriate would be to have study sessions on BLUMA EIS first, then Planning Commission public hearings, then City Council public hearings addressing all comments submitted from during the scoping period of July 2020 and this draft DEIS document.

Regards,

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Former Deputy Mayor

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