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To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Carlton drive/Barbara pavement

To whom it may concern,

My family lives on Carlton Drive in Florence. I was just made aware of there will be a vote on whether or not to return the road to gravel.

I am firmly against this for several reasons.

Mostly due to the fact a gravel roadway will provide less traction than its asphalt counterpart. Due to the fact Carlton Drive and Barbara Drive are residential roads with smaller lots this change will greatly impact pedestrian safety.

With the roads being so close (and narrow) to the Florence Carlton School this will negatively impact the safety of several families who live in this particular area of Florence. I personally know of 10 families with school aged children that live on this short .25 mile stretch of roadway.

I understand residents need to drive with due regard and provide necessary space and awareness to the pedestrians in the area however due to the several times I have seen school aged children immediately leave their driveway without looking either way and coming into traffic scares me to think the city is contemplating creating a more dangerous environment for our children.

Another grave concern of mine is the maintenance schedule for the roadway. As we would be considered a low volume roadway I'm concerned the road will be returned to gravel and then deteriorate as the city has allowed the current asphalt road.

As a gravel roadway costs only slightly less to maintain as an asphalt (although less expensive to lay) why is the city not choosing to continue a safe environment for juveniles in the area and continue maintaining the current street? As multiple juveniles leave school and use the walking path into our neighborhood (even juveniles who do not live in our neighborhood) this will jeopardize their safety.

Again my family is against turning our road into a gravel roadway in the interest of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. If there are any questions about my response please email or call me at (406)830-1763.

Thank you.

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