

Hello GATeam,

My name is Jo, I grew up in Salmon, Idaho in Lemhi County. I'm writing in support of some applications for improving transportation in and around Lemhi County.

While I grew up in Salmon, I spent years living elsewhere, and I've come to realize how incredibly important public transportation can be to a community.

Being able to use public transportation in town gives people without a car the ability to function in terms of shopping, doctors appointments, etc. Having shuttles that run to towns with major airports like Missoula or Idaho Falls makes living here easier, makes traveling safer, and makes the area more attractive to employers and employees considering Salmon as a home, since they'll have an easier time connecting to the rest of the world.

And maybe most appealing to me, specifically, is the proposal that increases the bikability of our town. I've recently become a bike commuter, and it's amazing. Not only do I save money on gas, I get a mini-work out in every day, and arrive at work energized and ready to go. I bike everywhere I can now. I really want Salmon to encourage that sort of thing. It's healthy, it's economical, it's common sense.

Thanks for listening,

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