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To: Planning and Sustainability Commission
Subject: Comprehensive Plan Testimony

Greetings,

As a resident of Boise-Eliot since 1999, I have seen a lot of change in the neighborhood. I have lived at several different sites throughout my years here until purchasing my home by Boise Eliot School in 2002.

One of the places I lived was on Skidmore between Mississippi and I-5 turn off. There are only a few properties that are on Skidmore that are residential, with the rest already being mixed use or commercial. Of those properties that are residential, only 2 of them actually face Skidmore.

In my time living at one of those properties, I found the street to be busy and noisy. The interstate being right there also greatly increases the noise and pollution the residents are exposed to. There is a lot of foot traffic between the Max stop on Interstate and the main Mississippi commercial area. All in all I found the road to be more suited to small scale commercial endeavors rather than residential. I could easily see Skidmore becoming the obvious connector between the Mississippi and Interstate commercial areas - dotted with properties 1-2 stories high with retail, coffee shops and cafes.

I would like to request that the Board consider making Skidmore Ave, between Mississippi and Interstate a mixed use zone rather than only residential.

It makes a lot of sense with regards to connecting two major commercial areas as well as makes sense based on the sheer residential liveability of that stretch of road.

Thank you for your consideration.

sincerely,
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