



## CITY OF EAGLE

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May 23, 2012

Mayor John Evans  
Garden City Council  
Garden City, Idaho

### Re: Garden City Greenbelt - Meeting Request

Mayor Evans and Garden City Council:

As you know, the Eagle City Council voted unanimously on September 27, 2011, to support opening bicycle access to the Boise River Greenbelt through Garden City. The current Garden City restriction has a direct and adverse impact on all treasure\_valley residents, including Eagle residents, who would like to ride on the Greenbelt as planned by the 1996 update of the Ridge to Rivers Pathway Plan between Lucky Peak and Eagle Island State Park through Garden City.

In accordance with and in a desire to implement the policies of the Ridge to Rivers Plan, the Eagle Mayor and City Council sent a letter to you requesting a joint meeting between the City Councils of Eagle and Garden City on October 25, 2011. As such collaboration is recommended by the Plan, the letter also suggested a tour of the Greenbelt, both in Garden City and Eagle, to gain a better understanding of the issues.

Unfortunately, this request to meet was rejected by Mayor Evans due to the lawsuit that was ongoing at that time. Since then, the lawsuit brought against Garden City by Citizens for an Open Greenbelt has been dismissed for lack of standing and would seem to no longer be an obstacle to our collaboration and discussions.

Additionally, Eagle Mayor Reynolds provided Garden City a letter early this year in support for Garden City's grant application to build a new bridge across the Boise River to connect the north and south pathways. Since that time, the City of Eagle has elected two new City Council members and the City would like to have some more significant dialogue about this project.

The purpose of this letter is to renew our request for a dialogue between our elected officials regarding Greenbelt planning and access. Our concerns continue to include safety considerations associated with the current bypass route through Garden City. In addition, we are concerned about the viability and timing of the proposed bridge.

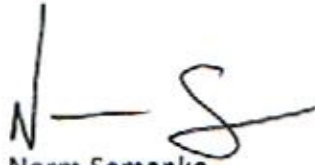
With summer soon upon us, Treasure Valley residents are confronted with yet another season without bicycle access to the Greenbelt through Garden City as contemplated by the Ridge to Rivers Plan.

We look forward to the opportunity to speak together on behalf of the residents of both of our cities regarding this important matter.

Sincerely,



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Mayor



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