



## **Final Public Scoping Meeting Summary**

**Project:** Tribal Trail Connector Environmental Assessment (EA)

**Purpose:** Public Scoping

**Date Held:** May 30, 2019

**Location:** Teton County Library Ordway Auditorium, Jackson, WY.

### **Study Team Attendees:**

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### **Date, Time, and Location of the Public Scoping Meeting**

The public meeting was held on May 30, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Teton County Library Auditorium, 125 Virginian Lane, Jackson, Wyoming.

### **Purpose of Public Scoping Meeting**

The purpose of the open house is to present information on the project background and history, purpose and need, objectives, issues, and next steps. Another critical aspect of the meeting is to gather input from the public about their issues and concerns. These public comments will help inform the issues to be addressed in the Environmental Assessment being prepared for the project.

### **Public Scoping Meeting Announcements**

Teton County announced the public meeting in the following ways:

- Announcements were printed in the Jackson Hole News & Guide, May 22 & 29, 2019 and the Jackson Hole Daily, May 28-30, 2019.
- An announcement was placed on the project website ([www.tribaltrailconnector.com](http://www.tribaltrailconnector.com)).

### **Public Scoping Meeting Format**

The public meeting was held in an open house format from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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## **Public Scoping Meeting Summary**

During the open house portion of the public meeting, members of the public viewed information that was displayed around the room. Study team members were available throughout the meeting to discuss the project and answer questions. Copies of the boards are also available on project website, [www.tribaltrailconnector.com](http://www.tribaltrailconnector.com).

Project information displayed around the room included:

- Welcome
- Purpose of Meeting
- Planning Context and History
- Project Charter and Stakeholder Committee
- Community Need: Travel Redundancy
- Community Need: Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT)
- Community Need: Reduce Local Trips Through the Y Intersection
- Community Need: Improve Emergency Response
- Community Need: Provide Improved Multi-Modal Connections
- Project Objectives
- Environmental Process
- Alternatives Screening Process
- Major Capital Projects Identified By 2015 ITP
- Related Studies
- Conservation Easements and Land Uses
- Water Resources
- Wildlife
- Tribal Trail Project Decision
- Project Schedule/Next Steps
- What's Next?
- We Want Your Input!
- Thank You

Three (3) traffic handouts were available as handouts and are included in Attachment A. Handouts showed:

- Location of trips in 2016 and 2040 traffic volumes
- Traffic volumes at key locations within the project area in 2016 and 2040 traffic volumes
- Traffic volumes on High School Road in 2016 and 2040 traffic volumes.

Comment sheets were provided to attendees to complete and submit at the public meeting, or commenters could submit by June 24, 2019.

## **Public Scoping Meeting Attendees**

There were 80 people who signed in at the public meeting. Attendees included property owners, home owners, residents, and commuters. Sign-in sheets are included in Attachment B.

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### Comments Received

A total of 64 comments were submitted either at the public meeting or by the June 24, 2019 deadline. Comments voiced support and opposition for the project. Common concerns included impacts to abundant wildlife in the project area; Study Area is too narrow and needs to include adjacent roads and intersections; whether now is the proper time to build the Connector considering other projects planned for the area; and whether commercial and long-distance traffic will use the connector as a cut-through route.

Comments received are summarized below. The study team used the comments to expand the Frequently Asked Questions page on the Tribal Trail Connector website, [www.tribaltrailconnector.com](http://www.tribaltrailconnector.com). Copies of all the comment forms and comment emails are also available on the website. Comments provided on meeting exhibits are included in Attachment C.

Subject of Comment	Comment
Quality of life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Protect the overall aesthetics of the area.</li></ul>
Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wildlife in the area present year-round, especially during winter months: elk, deer, moose, waterfowl, trout, fox, and eagles.</li><li>• How will the hydrology of the area be impacted, especially accounting for the water table?</li><li>• Reduce speeds to reduce wildlife collisions.</li><li>• Consider Wildlife underpasses.</li><li>• Wildlife protection must be a priority.</li><li>• Wildlife migration corridor information feels incomplete and not completely accurate.</li></ul>
Public involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation presents the project as a done deal. Didn't address possibility of not constructing the project.</li><li>• The work is appreciated but needs a more balanced information on other options to alleviate the need in the area.</li><li>• Form questions were misleading.</li><li>• Information should be as accurate as possible, as it will influence public opinion.</li></ul>
Support project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support for the project remains since it was first introduced to the area.</li><li>• This project has always been a part of the long-term plan. Build it.</li><li>• In support of the project but be mindful of the impacts it could have on adjacent neighborhoods and the multimodal options that the pathways currently provide.</li><li>• A well-designed Tribal Trail Connection will be an asset. Traffic speeds at the Hwy 22/89 are unsafe to pedestrian and bikes.</li><li>• Indian Trails was platted with this road a part of the County and State Transportation Plan</li></ul>

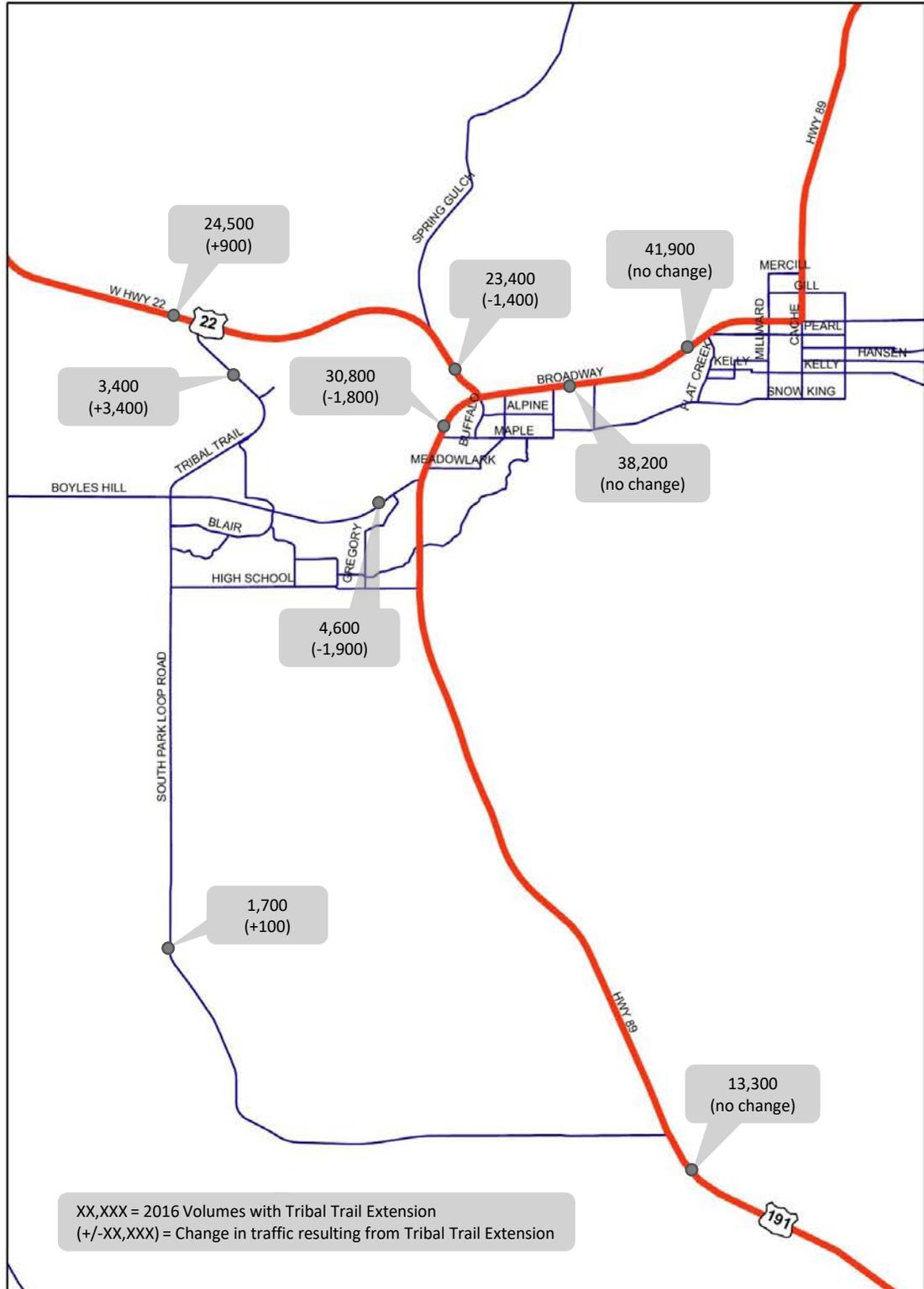
Oppose project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should not build more roads as it leads to development and more people.</li> <li>• This will turn into a high-speed cut-thru for travelers.</li> <li>• Project impacts outweigh the benefits.</li> <li>• This will turn into a short cut for long distance and commercial traffic: trucks, tourists, and non-local traffic.</li> <li>• Feels like the planning process is ignoring comments which do not support the connector.</li> <li>• Special interest groups are specifically seeking out supporters in favor of the Connector.</li> <li>• This plan is merely shifting the congestion problem, not fixing it.</li> </ul>
Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Process lacks monitoring both before and after.</li> <li>• Needs clearly defined Purpose and Need.</li> <li>• Study should address and incorporate improvements to adjacent roads and intersections.</li> <li>• Connection should incorporate access improvements Indian Springs and the Teton Science School.</li> <li>• Justification for the project needs to be more concrete.</li> <li>• Consider alternate routes to alleviate the needs in the area.</li> <li>• Impacts to new/existing schools during pick up and drop off.</li> <li>• Has widening of Hwy 22 been studied?</li> <li>• Scope is too limited, need to consider Spring Gulch and the high school.</li> <li>• Missing high school traffic data in the analysis.</li> <li>• Tribal Trails cannot be considered in isolation from Highway 26/89/191 and Spring Gulch Road</li> <li>• Concern if proper modeling used.</li> </ul>
Neighborhood impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modern navigation systems will direct people through what is supposed to be a local connector road.</li> <li>• Should restrict trucks from using the connector.</li> <li>• The traffic suggested traffic pattern would degrade the rural character of the area.</li> <li>• The Connector would create the need for noise barriers and privacy fences.</li> </ul>
Design elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This project would not alleviate summer back up.</li> <li>• Design should prohibit large trucks. Only allow START and school busses.</li> <li>• Speed limit of Connector should be kept low.</li> <li>• Include traffic calming measure (speed humps, stop signs, low speed limits)</li> <li>• How will this ensure this remains a connector and not turn into a bypass.</li> <li>• Speeds should be enforced by ticketing cameras.</li> <li>• What about a round-a-bouts along the Connector or stop signs at each intersection.</li> </ul>
Water resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project location in the 100-year floodplain need to be included.</li> </ul>
Project Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This project's anticipated cost is too high compared to other project estimates.</li> </ul>
Bike/pedestrian facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there any ideas on the management of e-bike growth?</li> </ul>
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children safety and young families</li> <li>• Proximity of road to homes in Indian Trails is too close.</li> <li>• Children playing in the neighborhoods, more traffic puts them at a higher risk.</li> </ul>

START	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expand START services, especially in winter.</li></ul>
Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why now?</li><li>• Study is too rushed to have completed in a summer.</li><li>• Wait to see how the expansion of HWY 22 impacts traffic and congestions before building the Connector.</li><li>• Expand Hwy 22 before you build new roads in neighborhoods.</li><li>• Wait and see if the new Y connector design will alleviate congestion.</li></ul>
Emergency Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Disagree this is needed for emergency vehicle egress. They often open the gates for access.</li><li>• If emergency access is the issue what about other options aside from building the Connector. Perhaps expand the bike trail?</li><li>• Fire response often stuck in traffic, this will help their response time.</li></ul>

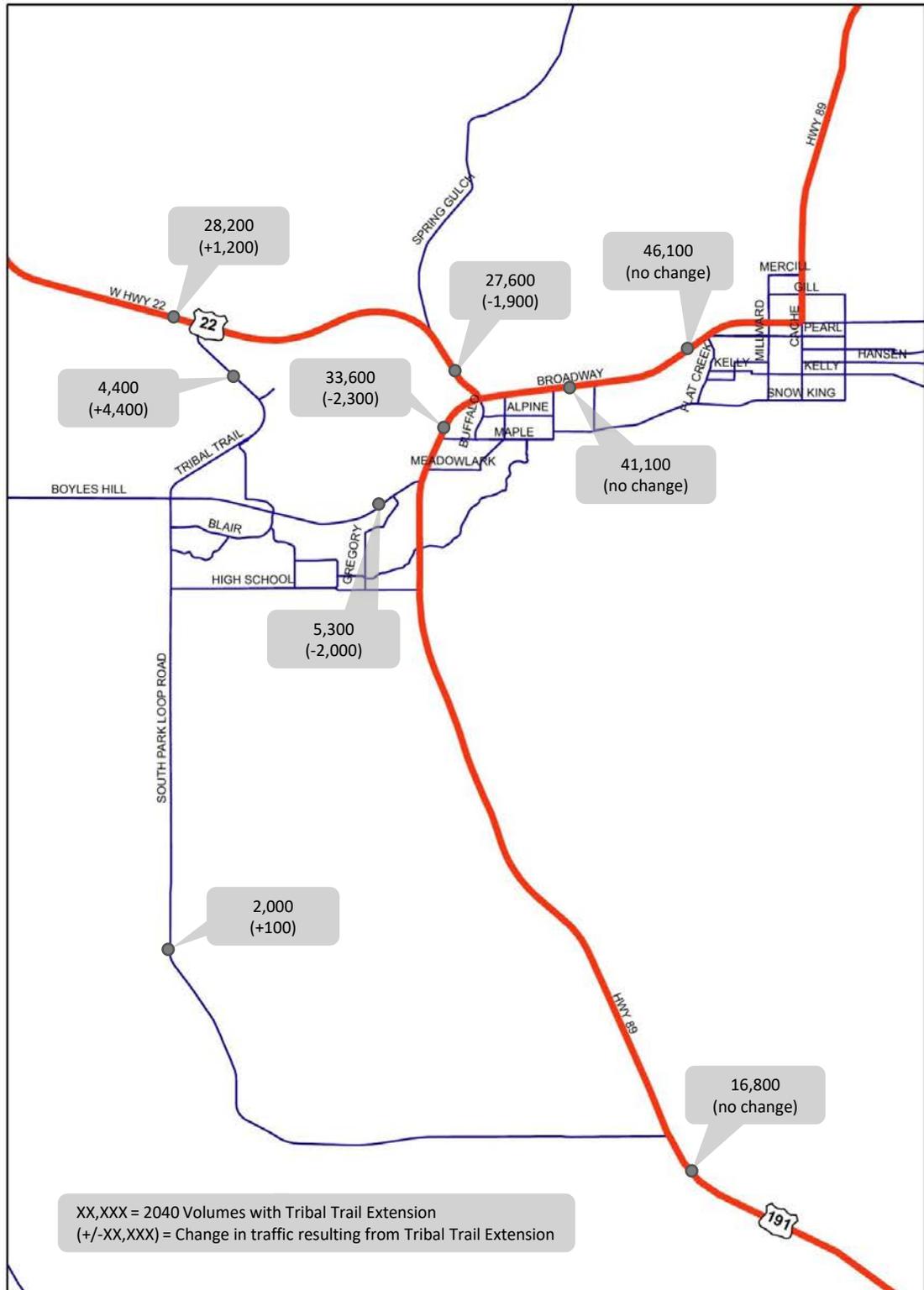
**Attachment A**  
**Traffic Handouts**

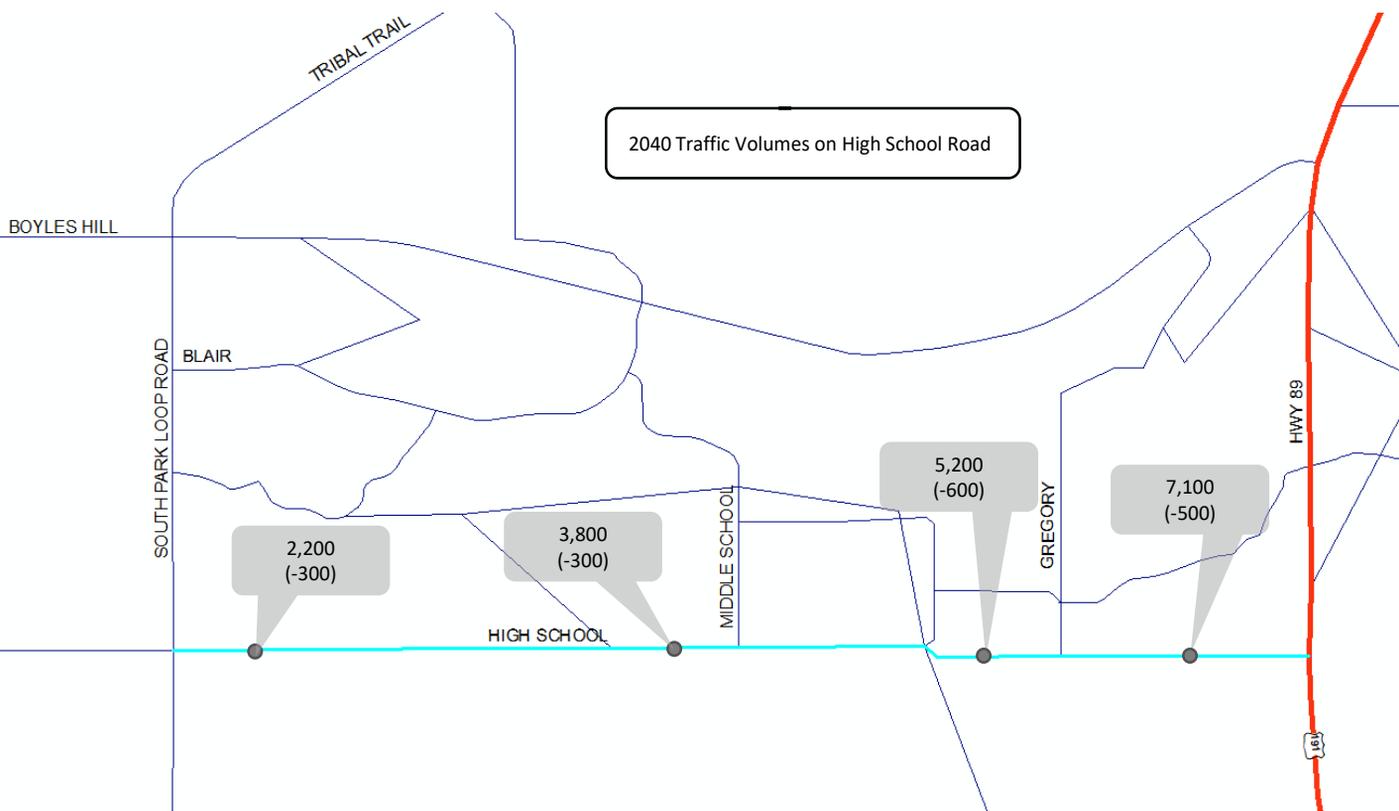
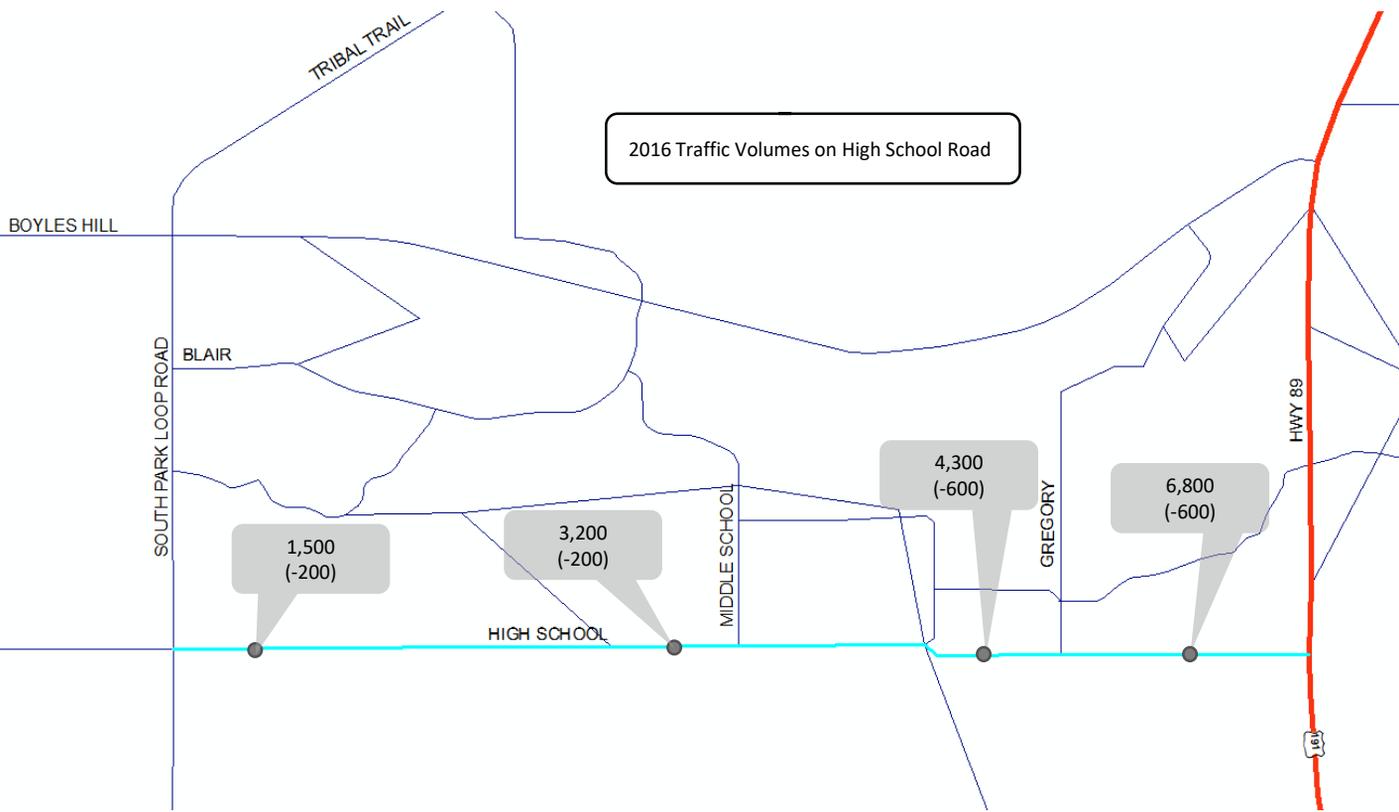


# 2016 Traffic Volumes with Tribal Trail Extension



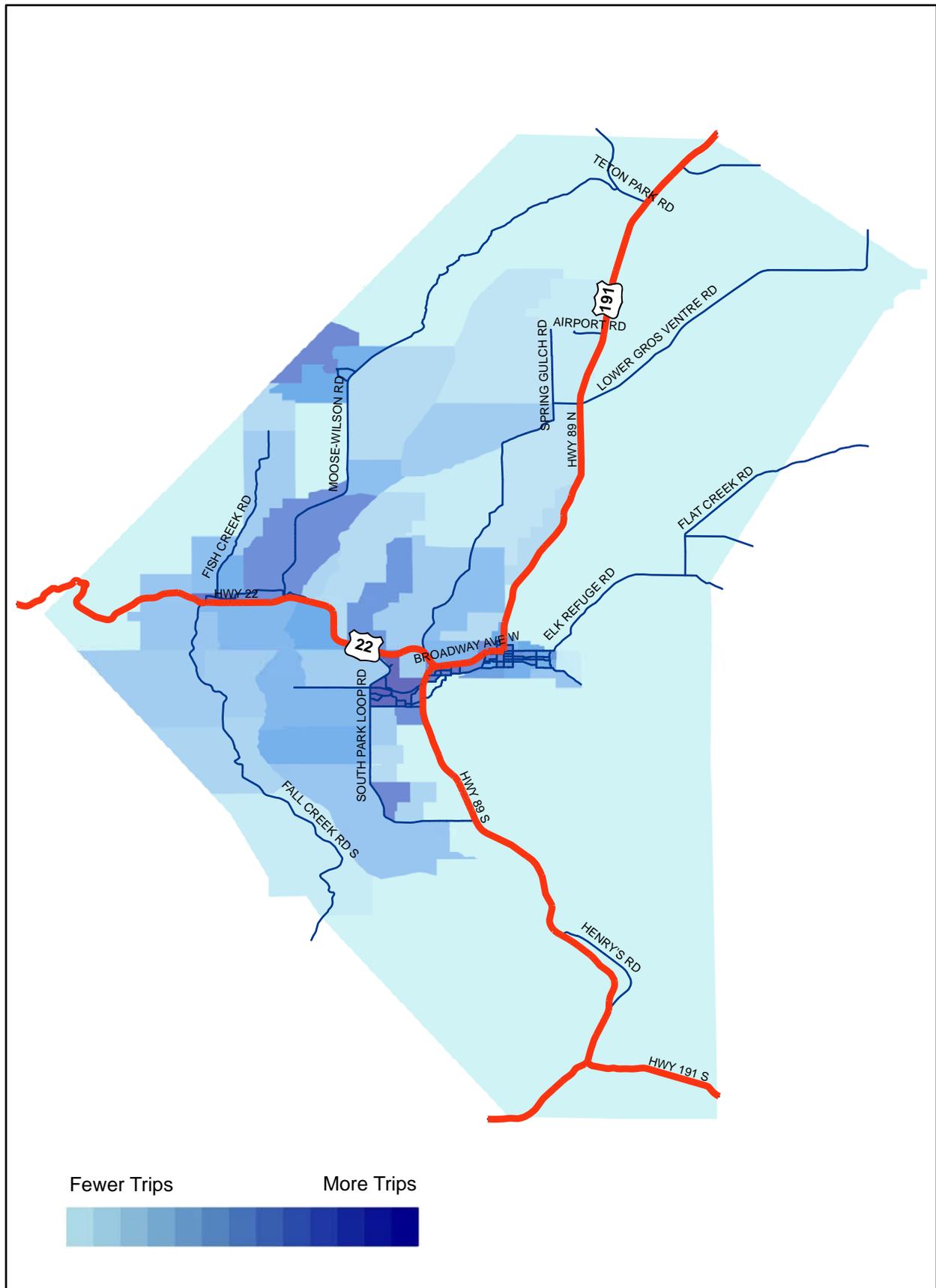
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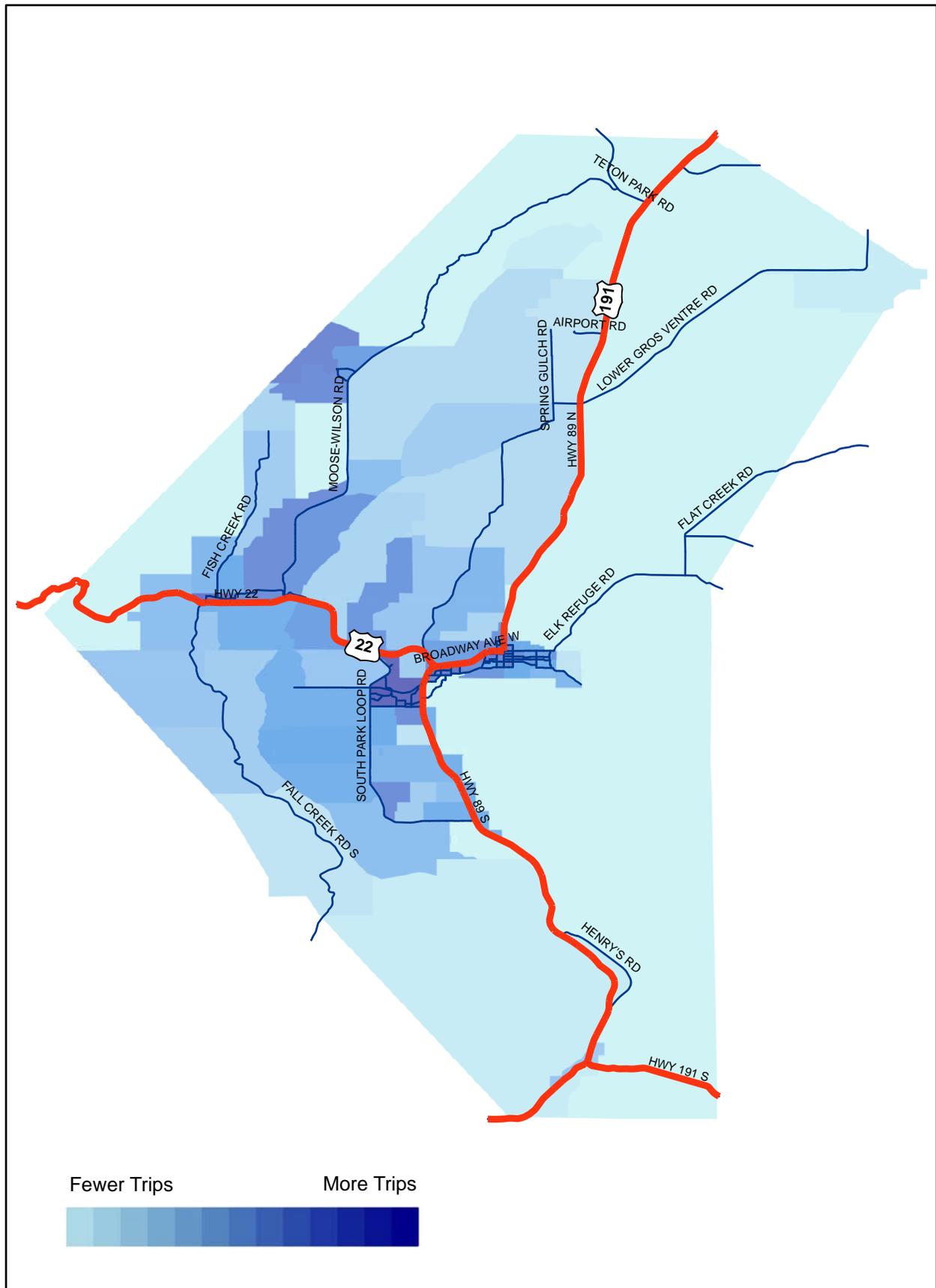


XX,XXX = 2016/2040 Volumes with Tribal Trail Extension  
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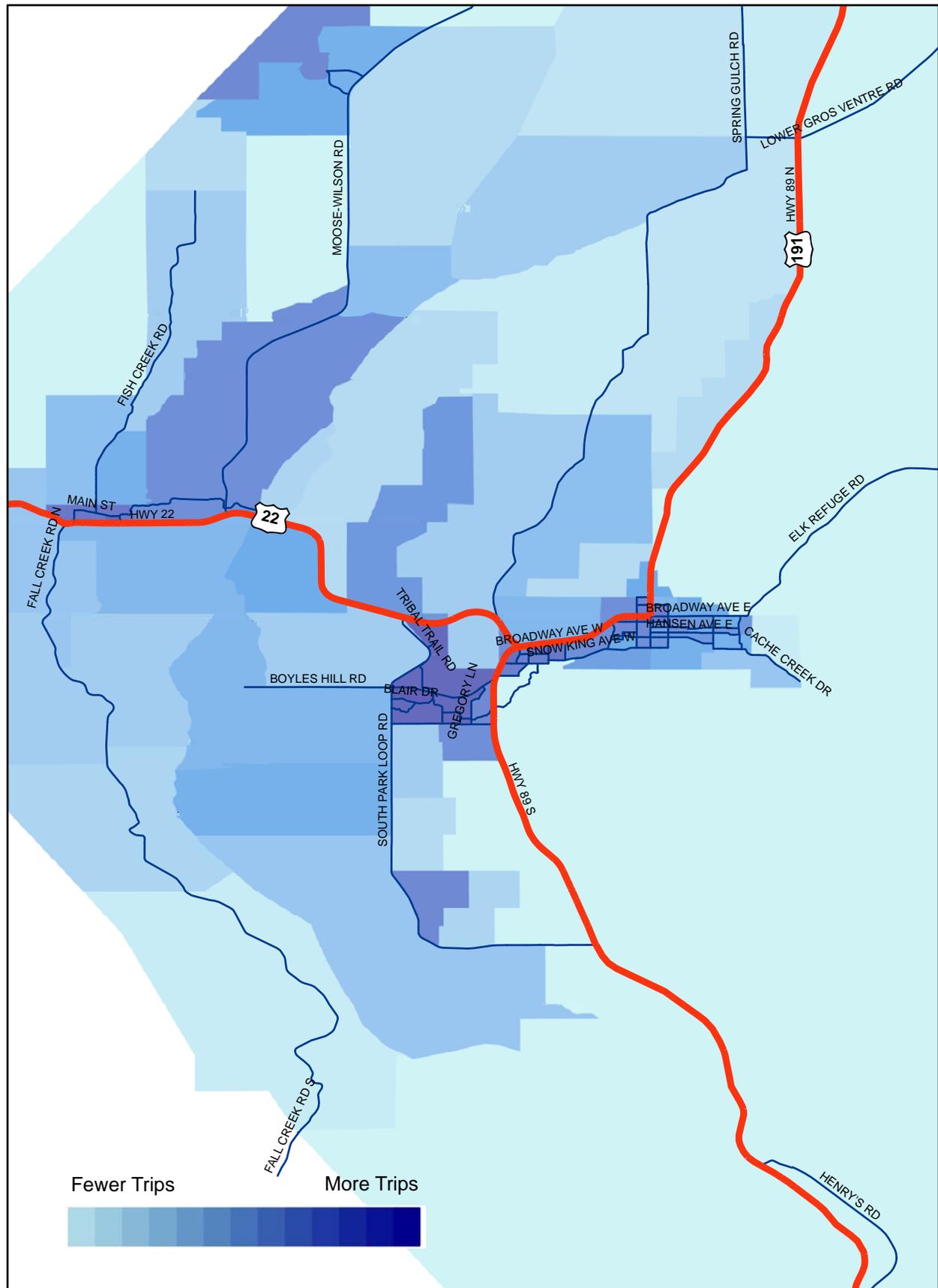
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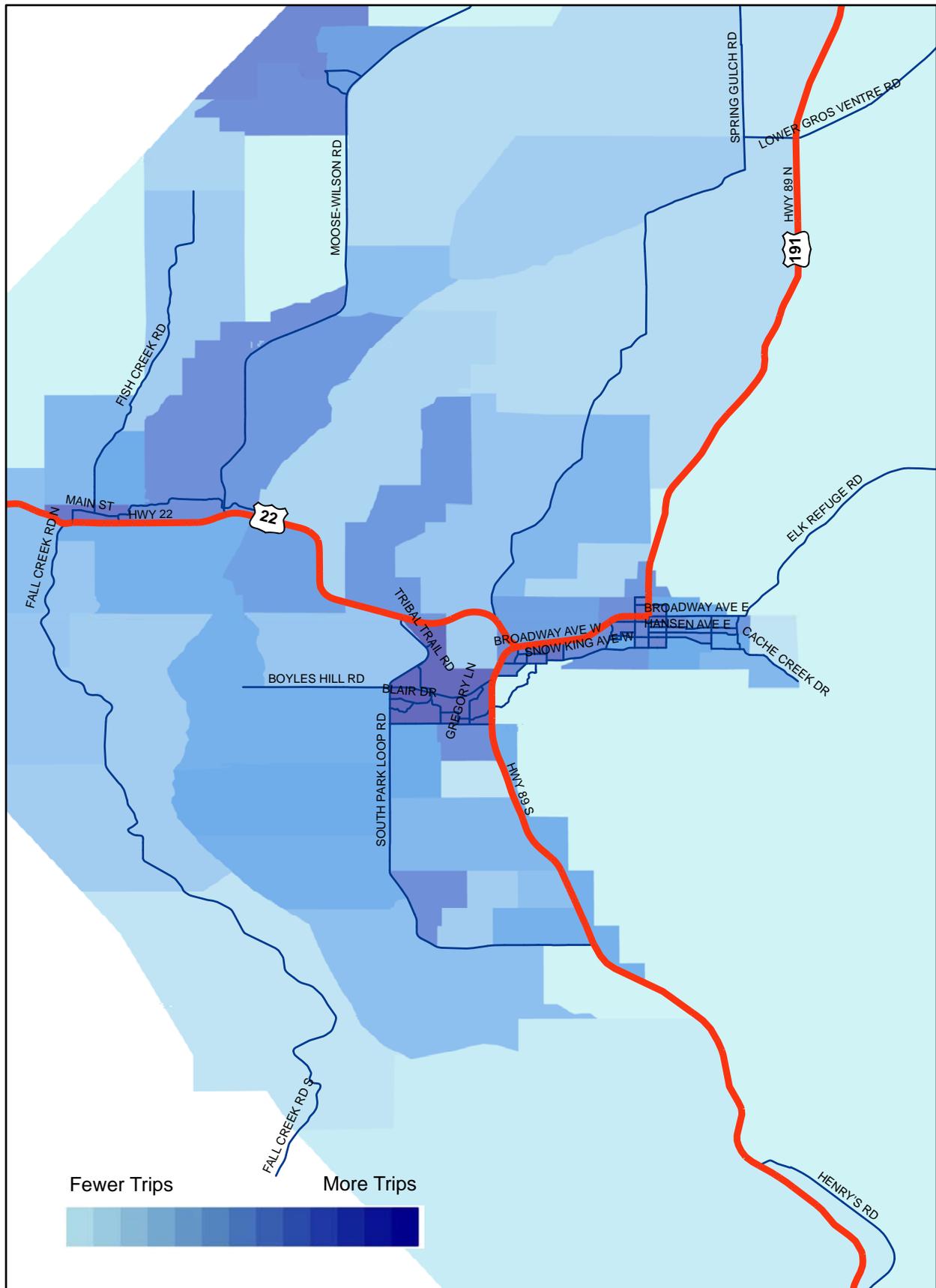
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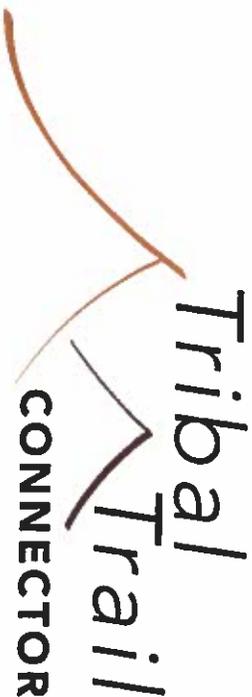


**Attachment B**  
**Public Scoping Sign-in Sheets**



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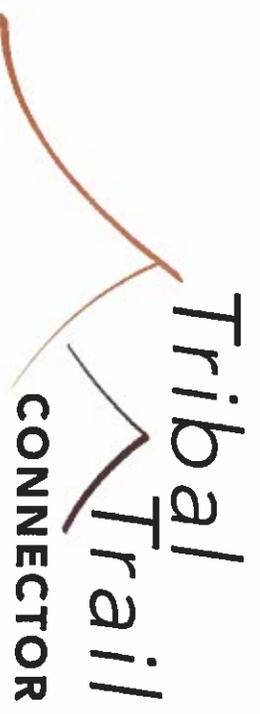
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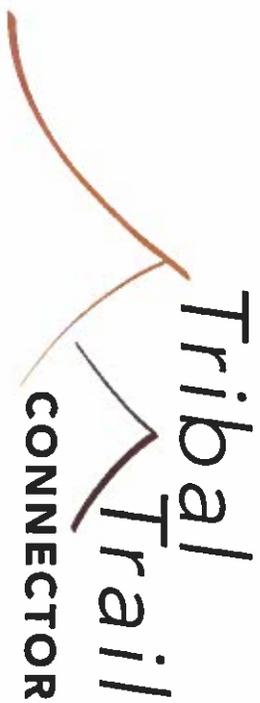
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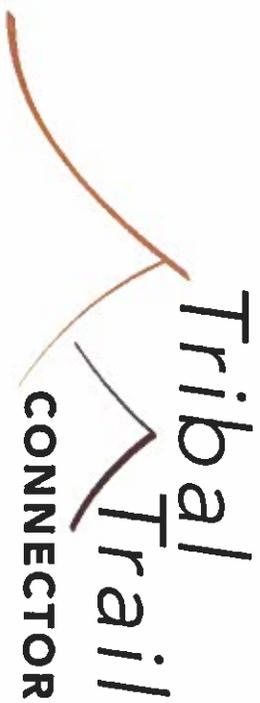
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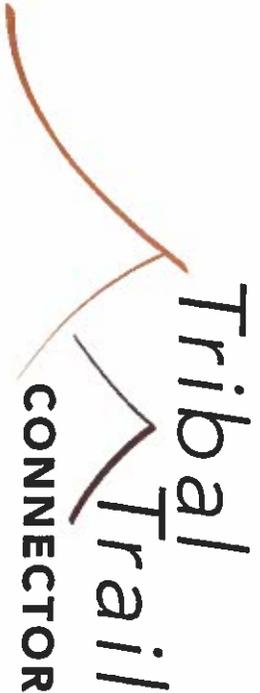
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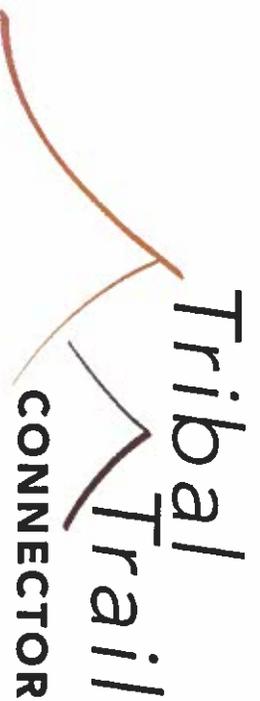
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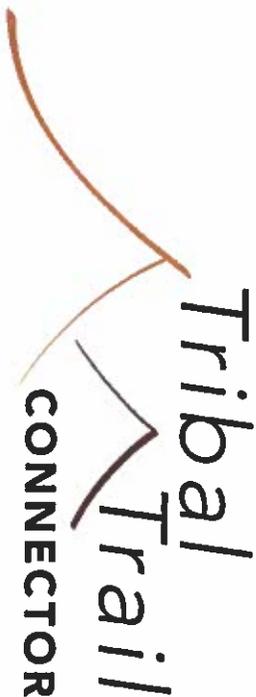
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**Attachment C**  
**Meeting Exhibits with Comments**





