

Community Concerns Summary

Concerns expressed by participants at one of three community workshops and the Steering Committee meeting held during Planning Week January 21st-24th, 2020 have been summarized below. Many of these concerns were identified in response to the question posed in Exercise #1 of each workshop, asking participants what brought them to the meeting or compelled them to participate in the process.

- Make sure new land is set aside for open space/green space
- Balance property rights with development
- Don't like to see all the farmland converting to residential development
- Concerned about keep agriculture viable
- Residential impact on – and impact from – agricultural activities including chemical applications
- The agricultural preservation category is misapplied – wrong end of the County
- Youth aren't farming
- Deer herd migration path is impacted by development
- There should be a limit on cattlemen taking too many elk
- Traffic
- Concern about direction of the County; too much change
- Corridor development concerns (within the City)
- Infrastructure inadequacy
- Wide open spaces are disappearing
- County roads are inadequate, creating issues in terms of traffic and safety
- Aquifer and water capacity concerns – as well as access – are growing in the face of development
- Concern about the growth occurring in Twin Falls (city) and where it is going
- Want to make sure health care is part of the discussion – St. Luke's/Select Health has a monopoly
- Concern about the direction of Twin Falls
- Manage and preserve water availability and access, esp. through aquifer usage
- Need to manage thru-traffic for all cities
- Tax issues that rising housing costs create
- Traffic
- Public safety
- Concern about how county will grow
- Concerned for the loss of viable farmland; want to keep agriculture viable
- Where is the water going to come from (for growth?)
- Preserve farmland
- Pending traffic issues – rerouting, lighting, roundabouts
- Influx into county and issues with domestic and irrigation water requirements
- Want to see managed growth and infrastructure that keeps pace with the growth while also maintaining quality values

- Need for housing very great in this area
- Changes needed for safety – no spraying around schools, parks, roads and in public places
- No CAFOs
- Need to plan for future water use