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Comments to Highlands Council re: denial of funding for Circulation Plan Element update

I am disappointed in the Council's decision on this as you can imagine. Phillipsburg has a lot of new and re-development happening right now and the purpose of this project is to evaluate circulation as we respond to what's been developed already and development we might be able to anticipate, what's coming down the pike.

There are real traffic issues NOW that this funding would have helped to evaluate and potentially mitigate.

To respond to Ms. Somers' comments I think generally there is a lot of misinformation out there and it's my understanding that the original project concept is already changing. I want to underline the fact that the project she is referring to is only conceptual. There is NO site plan. There has been NO application made to the Town. And if or when the project moves forward and an application is submitted to the town, it will have to go through the proper application procedures and channels.

But, right now, we were requesting funding for a circulation plan that might have revealed more data needed for the Town to consider ANY future development. I don't think it's fair to penalize the Town on this proposal based on another conceptual project that hasn't even materialized.

I hope that we might be able to return when the Council members feel they have sufficient information to vote again and hopefully in favor of this much needed project.