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My name is Shyla Patera. I am a Great Falls city resident, and independent living specialist who represents North Central Independent Living Services , Inc. in Black Eagle, Montana and a citizen with a disability. I wish to comment on agenda items 11 and 12 for tonight 's city commission meeting. Agenda item 11 involves the acceptance MDT map of urban system streets in our city. While this is a consent item, the agenda items and discussion within bring to light not only accessibility issues for citizens with disabilities, but traffic issues for both drivers and pedestrians. Streets and boulevards that are on the urban system in Great Falls and throughout Montana also show how cities are growing and developing. The map also serves as a snapshot of current and future priorities and also highlights how the City and it's residents are stewards of our roads and sidewalks. The map that MDT proposes also serves as a baseline for projects cannot only benefit urban systems and streets but also the connector streets and sidewalks in our Great Falls neighborhoods.

Item #12 is the amendment of the HOME and city CDBG HUD plan. I realize this is not a community home and city CDBG needs hearing however NCILS and I ask that as part of your development planning and city commission hearings that you have developers of projects such as the Cambridge Court opportunity really spell out the timelines of the projects and how it will impact the community if amendments keep having to be adopted. Developers should be asked to go before the planning community development board or the commission if there is a problem in the development process which could cause delays. NCILS and I realize that this item has been on the agenda for sometime and has been on the radar of city officials and you honorable commissioners. Given our housing crisis The City and we really need to ensure that buildings are timely and safely developed. Housing units should highlight accessible, universally designed features and be affordable units available for all.

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