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My name is Shyla Patera .I wish to submit comments on item 9,10, 11,12, 14& 15 on tonight's Commission agenda .

The South side Water Main Replacement Phase 2 project has been supported by our neighborhood council number two and is vital work for the neighborhood. items 10 and 11 And the ADA work outlined will enhance neighborhood accessibility for all people with disabilities especially on both the Lincoln ADA upgrades project and the 33rd St., South ADAUpgrades project. During the adoptions of previous City of Great Falls ADA transition plans and community projects ,these areas were talked about and discussed quite frequently by City residents with mobility and accessibility issues. I am writing as a Great Falls resident with a disability who utilizes many of these areas. Authorizing the spending and contract items on the consent agenda will enhance accessibility and connectivity of the neighborhoods involved.

Item #12 is the amendment of the HOME and city CDBG HUD plan. I realize this is not a community home and city 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 of Great Falls and we residents as well as developers 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. I am also asking a present question because has since received an email from the department of commerce regarding the use of new HOME ARPA funds and said application deadline is now listed as April 2024. The City and the developers of any project, particularly the Cambridge Court project, should be targeting this new opportunity if projects qualify .

I am also writing on agenda item items #14 and 15 regarding the 7th Ave., Northwest reconstruction project. As I am a part of this neighborhood and a citizen with a disability who would definitely benefit from the reconstruction ,I am writing in support of both aspects of this project particularly the CDBG aspect of the project . I do understand the neighbors and community residents are going to have some questions regarding not only ADA accessibility and curb cut accessibility but all aspects of this road construction project. I am hoping that tonight's presentation will address some of the sreet and sidewalks connector issues as well asthe Prowag issues that we may be seeing in reconstruction of ADA projects.

through out the community . At

this time, NCILS and I want to offer best wishes to all current and incoming commission Mayor and staff. Thanks to all

who have served on our Great Falls commission and welcome to all the incoming mayor and commission as well. NCILS looks forward to working with you all in whatever capacity to enhance and expand accessibility and inclusive opportunities on behalf of us who have disabilities in Great Falls .

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