



City Council

September 16, 2025
Packet Addendum #2

From: [Legendre](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Chery Legendre](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting Sept 16th | Purposed South Street Underpass Project
Date: Monday, September 15, 2025 4:12:19 PM

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Hello,

I am writing regarding the upcoming vote on the proposed South Street Underpass Project. Having lived in Old Town Louisville since 2019 I am excited for the development of Highway 42. I am concerned however with the plans to close South Street as I am not seeing any discussion of emergency evacuation included in our plans.

With the closure of South Street all residents on Spruce ST, Lee Avenue, Walnut and South Streets will have only one route to evacuate the neighborhood. With almost 30 households in this section, in the event of a time sensitive evacuation like a wildfire or train derailment, any delays or impediments to the flow of traffic through the one and only route will increase the risk of injury or loss of life during an emergency.

I support moving the underpass further north as I see was discussed in the Alternatives Analysis [Oct 2022 project abstract](#). By keeping South Street open to vehicle traffic, I feel this will provide a balanced, multiple exit evacuation route for all residents and businesses within the East Downtown Louisville (DELO) Neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chery Legendre.

From: [Melissa cates](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Request for further investigation into South St Closure
Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 9:59:37 AM
Attachments: [Request for Further Investigation into South Street Closure.docx](#)

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Hello Town Council,

Please see the attached letter regarding safety concerns surrounding the potential closure of South Street. I am requesting additional time be taken to further investigate all concerns and other possibilities.

Thank you,
Melissa
Spruce Street Resident

Request for Further Investigation into South Street Closure

Concerns About Emergency Access and Public Safety

September 16, 2025
Town Council
Town of Louisville
749 Main Street
Louisville, CO 80027

Dear Town Council Members,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your service to Louisville and for taking the time to read this letter.

I am writing as a concerned resident to respectfully request that the Town of Louisville conduct a more thorough investigation before moving forward with any decision to permanently close South Street to vehicle traffic. While the intention to enhance pedestrian safety and neighborhood quality of life is commendable, I am deeply concerned about the potential unintended consequences such a closure could have during emergency situations, particularly wildfires, which are a growing risk in our region.

There are well-documented cases across the country where road closures or restrictions have tragically impeded emergency evacuations, resulting in loss of life. For example, during the 2018 Camp Fire in Paradise, California, narrowed or blocked evacuation routes contributed to severe traffic jams, trapping residents and leading to fatalities. Similarly, in the 1991 Oakland Hills fire in California, congested and limited road access severely hampered evacuation efforts, and many residents were unable to escape in time. These cases highlight the critical importance of maintaining multiple, accessible routes out of neighborhoods, especially in areas vulnerable to fast-moving wildfires and other emergencies.

Given the potentially life-threatening consequences, I urge the Town Council to:

- Conduct a comprehensive emergency access and evacuation study specific to South Street and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Consult with local fire, police, and emergency management officials to assess the impact of a street closure on response times and evacuation safety.

- Review recent case studies and best practices from other communities to ensure public safety is prioritized in all planning decisions.
- Engage with residents to gather feedback and address concerns before any final action is taken.

Our community's safety must remain the highest priority. I appreciate your attention to this urgent matter and look forward to your thoughtful consideration of the risks involved.

Sincerely,

Melissa Cates
Spruce Street
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From: [Samma Fox](#)
To: [Genny Kline](#)
Subject: FW: South Street Underpass
Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 10:46:52 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

For the packet.

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From: City of Louisville, CO <info@louisvilleco.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 10:42 AM
To: Samma Fox <sfox@louisvilleco.gov>
Subject: South Street Underpass

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Message submitted from the <City of Louisville, CO> website.

Site Visitor Name: Jonathan Prins

Site Visitor Email: jprins485@gmail.com

Hi,

I am a resident of Louisville and live right off South Street on Spruce. Right behind the ball field. I just want to say; we need to not do this Underpass. It makes ZERO sense. If the people. Around 25-35 have an emergency it makes it more difficult. Also, this takes away parking from the ball park and it'll make life more miserable for the businesses and residents of this little neighborhood. Honestly, even on the weekend, there is not high enough foot traffic for this. If you need it, go North towards the traffic light. Plus, the

underpass leads you to nowhere. Once I saw this months ago, I was shocked. It doesn't make sense and is a waste of money. Big waste of money. Please reconsider and do not go through with this project. It's not worth it!!

From: [Mike Deborski](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Hwy 42 South Street Underpass Alternative
Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 11:13:43 AM

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After the weekend trek, I was pleasantly surprised to see the September 16th City Council Agenda. It appears that staff added "Option B Resolution No. 71, Series 2025 to the presentation. This runs counter to the only information available, that came from the Tebo Marketing representative.

Nonetheless, it makes sense that we should strongly consider the benefits to this alternative to the closure of South Street. This option would alleviate the issues and concerns with the Miners Field Neighborhood, Impacts to Miner's Field, especially the removal of disabled parking and the local businesses at Tebo Plaza due to removal of direct in and out access.

Until this packet came out, the only plan available to the residents and businesses, is that attached to the link and was difficult to locate on the city's website. Although I reached out to staff, after a week of crickets, I was finally advised by Diana that it would become available only in the council agenda.

Up-side, it was worth the wait. However, this project seems to have lacked the public visibility, process and promotion that the underpass located one mile north on Highway 42 had. I understand the lead engineer left the project mid stream and we are in a time crunch to cease the funding. However, if it comes at the expense of our residents, businesses and access to Miners Field, we should simply return the funds and not build it.

A viable option may be to run the ramp down parallel to Hwy 42 on the east edge of Tebo's property. That's just sausage guy engineering, but may allow Tebo to retain his building pad. I respectfully request that you choose option B, to keep South Street open and minimize the impact on our businesses, residents and Miner's Field users.

Respectfully,

Mike Deborski

From: [Eddie Gomez](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Meeting Agenda 9/16/25 Closing of South Street
Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 11:59:54 AM

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My name is Eddie Gomez and I live at 833 Courtesy Rd. My family has owned this home since 1946. We have seen a lot of changes on our street over the last 79 years. The street has gone from a dirt road to a main north/south thoroughfare in eastern Boulder County.

Miners Field neighborhood has seen many changes during this time as well. The alley running on the south side of our property has been blocked off. Spruce Street has been blocked off at Courtesy Road/95th Street/State Highway 42. The ballpark lights at Miners Field have been taken away. Miners Field has had left and center fields shortened. Of these, the most critical to the neighborhood are the closing of the alley and Spruce Street. Since the alley on the south side of our property has been blocked off we constantly have vehicles using our driveway to get on to Courtesy Road. Closing South Street would increase the trespassing and further erode our driveway.

We now have to go down Lee Avenue to get out of our neighborhood, to which we have adapted. Closing South Street would mean we have to go even farther to get out of the neighborhood. Heaven forbid we have another emergency where we need to evacuate rapidly, we now have to use the roads congested not only by the current existing apartments but the new ones that are coming. Current roads and their conditions aren't ready, in my humble opinion, to

handle all that traffic. Being able to evacuate quickly when we have such limited options to escape the neighborhood could be devastating.

Cutting off access as an entrance to the businesses DeLo businesses could be detrimental to their profits.

There is currently an underused crosswalk at Courtesy Rd and Short Street. Our upstairs windows look to the north and we can see how underused it is which makes me wonder how cost effective it is to build an expensive underpass. Is it the best use of taxpayer money? Especially in times when local and state entities are having to make difficult decisions regarding budgets? Could an underpass at Griffith Street be money better spent as, currently, that intersection has absolutely no feasible pedestrian crossing to have access to the ballpark and community gardens?

I am the partner of Colorado State Corporal Dan Groves who was tragically struck and killed in March of 2019 when he exited his vehicle to check on three vehicles that had gone off the road so I understand the need for safety. The vehicle that killed Dan was going too fast for conditions and, in an instant, life as I knew it was gone. All dreams and plans we had are gone. I am a different person and will never get the chance to be who I once was. So, yes, I understand the need for safety. But I also understand the need for practical solutions. I have seen how underused the currently existing crossing is and, as I have lived on this road the majority of my life, I have seen pedestrians trying to cross Courtesy Rd at Griffith Street and there have been some near misses.

I appreciate the city trying to make Louisville an even better place to live but I don't feel that the closing of South Street for an underground crossing is something that solves a problem.

From: daniel@faubel.org
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Vote Option B For Proposed Underpass
Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 1:24:49 PM

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My name is Daniel Faubel. I have lived in Louisville on 1210 Spruce Street for over 4 years. I support Option B regarding the vote regarding the shutting down south street for the creation of the underpass. I was approached by neighbors who this would also negatively affect. I use south street daily to come and go from my apartment and would be greatly disconvienced by shutting the road down. Please find alternatives to shutting down south street.

Thank you,

Daniel Faubel

From: [Mary Dibble](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: South street closure affecting parking access to Miner's Field
Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 2:16:24 PM

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Dear Louisville City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed closure of South Street in front of the historic Miner Field, as scheduled for discussion at the September 16th meeting. My understanding is that this action is being considered without adequate opportunity for public input and engagement.

I respectfully request a postponement of the vote to allow sufficient time for public consultation and feedback. This crucial step would enable the city's residents to fully understand the ramifications of this decision and participate meaningfully in the process.

The proposed pedestrianization of South Street in front of Miner Field raises significant concerns. Beyond simply limiting vehicular access, the plan appears to eliminate approximately twenty-two parking spaces, including three designated for individuals with disabilities. This loss of accessibility will disproportionately impact those who rely on these spaces and will undoubtedly negatively affect the field's usability. A thorough assessment of these consequences and their impact on the community is necessary before proceeding.

I urge you to reconsider the timeline for this decision and prioritize transparent and inclusive community engagement before a final vote is taken.

Sincerely,

Mary Dibble
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