

Maribel Platt

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To: Maribel Platt
Subject: Bio Diesel Fuel Tank Letter of Location Support for Aug 3 Meeting

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Dear Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission,

As a member of the Blaine County School District Administrative and Strategic Planning Teams, I am sending my support in placing a Bio Diesel fuel tank on BCSD property to allow us to use B20 fuel for our bus fleet. The use of Bio Diesel is a wise decision by the school district that supports community stakeholder efforts that increase a green conscious culture in our valley.

During the Strategic Planning Process, the community spoke loud and clear their wishes for the district to support green practices. Discussions from that planning resulted in a BCSD Goal that attempts to do just that. Strategic Goal #9 reads: *Our facilities, grounds, and classrooms promote sustainability and provide for optimal learning.*

One such strategy in support of this goal is to improve our transportation practices to make them more eco-friendly. The use of B20 fuel provides energy savings, decreases emissions, and saves taxpayer dollars by decreasing labor costs.

The Strategic Goal 9 Committee and district officials have considered the most logical location for a B20 fuel tank that is well hidden and safe. We propose to locate the tank behind the retaining wall that is hidden behind landscaping at the southern part of the current bus parking structure. Fueling our large fleet next to the parking structure decreases bus time and congestion on the streets of Hailey and decreases vehicle back-up and frustration at the Chevron fueling station where the buses would have to compete with regular consumers to access B20 fuel if we are not allowed to locate the tank on school district property.

Please consider these comments reasonable in our request to locate the Bio Diesel fuel tank on district property near the current bus parking structure in support of the school district's response to citizen concern regarding environmentally safe practices.

Sincerely,
Angie Martinez
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Strategic Goal #9 Committee Member