

Boyds Transit Center, Mont.Co. Planning, 70% Design, C.I.P. Project 509337 (previously 501915?)

Written testimony for Public Hearing (virtual) 7:00p, Tues., 8/16/22

Thank you for taking this testimony. I am Dan Seamans, a resident of Boyds since 1960 and current President of the Boyds Civic Association (elected Jan., 2022).

The important issues of the Boyds Transit Center design of concern to the B.C.A. are in the resolutions it passed at its July21, 2022 Meeting:

1. Resolved: The bathroom as well as the accompanying septic system must accommodate the re-use of the Hoyles Mill building.
2. Resolved: The BCA asks that the Boyds Transit Plan return to the original plan to provide parking and an ADA ramp for the Boyds store.

Please see comments and reasoning supporting these Resolutions in the 7/31/22 email of BCA's Vice-President, Miriam Schoenbaum to Rebecca Park, MCDOT.

In addition to these reasons of significant importance to Boyds residents the request to move the proposed bus operator's restroom to a location attached to the Hoyles Mill building will allow several additional feet of space between it and the Boyds Market. The space will likely allow a more effective overall design between the two buildings and include a ramp and parking spaces along the side of the Boyds Market. In practice, this space is currently used as parking for the Boyds Market, and will be taken from it, without an accommodating allowance by the Boyds Transit Center.

Both the Hoyles Mill and Boyds Market are iconic features of Boyds and have been so for many years. The Hoyles family operated their water powered mill in the 1st half of the 19th C. into the 20th C. on Little Seneca Creek south of Boyds. The transition to the "modern" Hoyles Mill (1915) was to increase productivity and reliability and take advantage of superior shipping via the Railroad. Retaining it is an important positive decision. Making the building useful enhances it and makes it more viable.

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