

CITY OF GRANITE FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 626

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS
APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRANITE
FALLS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LAND USE MAP.

WHEREAS, the City of Granite Falls submitted an application during the 1999 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process to amend the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map and was known as Proposal 3 – City of Granite Falls (Alternate Route).

WHEREAS, the application was a request to incorporate a discussion of the alternate route into the City's Comprehensive Plan. The alternate route amendment will include a general discussion on the preferred alignment of State Route 92 (known as Alternate Route A2) and how it relates to the City's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the proposal requires a text change to the Transportation Element, Background Information and the addition of a map identifying the proposed alternative routes for the alternate route of State Route (SR) 92; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission on March 15, 2000, did recommend approval of an amendment to the City of Granite Falls Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map; and

WHEREAS, on the 26th day of April 2000, the City Council held a Public Hearing on the Planning Commission's recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED.

Section 1. Findings of Fact.

Based upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission dated March 23, 2000, and the information received by the Council at its Public Hearing on April 26, 2000, the Council hereby adopts as its findings of fact and incorporates the same herein by this reference, the findings of the Planning Commission included in its March 23, 2000, recommendation.

Section 2.

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the City of Granite Falls Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map are hereby amended as follows:
Text and policy, as well as a map identifying the alternate route, shall be added to the Comprehensive Plan.

Text Amendment to Background Information of the Comprehensive Plan:

Congestion on downtown streets has increased as a result of regional population growth and industrial activity at quarries near Granite Falls. Citizens have expressed safety concerns because of school children using the city's street system for access to and from school. Congestion adversely impacts city streets, particularly when school buses and weekend tourist traffic compete with quarry trucks. The existing roadway system was not designed to carry the traffic volumes currently experienced nor was it designed to handle varying types of traffic, particularly the heavy truck traffic.

The City of Granite Falls believes it cannot achieve the comprehensive plan "vision" as long as it is effectively "cut in half" by heavy truck traffic. Consequently, the city has evaluated the viability of several alternate routes to determine which alternative can best achieve the comprehensive plans goals. The City believes the preferred alignment for SR 92 is the northerly by-pass known as Alternate A2 (Perrigou Property) and identified on Exhibit A.

Alternative A2 is to build a road with 8-foot shoulders from Gun Club Road to intersect with the Mountain Loop Highway and extend to Jordan Road through property known as the Perrigou property. It would pass to the north of Mountain View Elementary School and pass to the north of the Perrigou Memorial Field and the American Legion Cemetery. The alignment would cross Jordan Road near the intersection of Engebretsen and Jordan Roads, proceed southwesterly and then westerly, approximately 800 feet north of the Monte Cristo Elementary School. The roadway would then turn south and intersect with SR92 approximately 900 feet west of the SR 92 and Crooked Mile Road intersection. Approximately 1.5 miles of additional right-of-way would be required. This alternative goes through property under both City and County jurisdiction. It is outside the urban growth boundary in some instances.

Proposed Policy Addition to Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

New Circulation Policy T11 reads as follows:

T11 Develop an alternate route for SR92 to direct truck traffic around the city center.

Section 3.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its approval, passage, and publication.

Said Ordinance was passed in open session by the City Council of the City of Granite Falls on the 14 day of June, 2000.

Approved by the Mayor this 14 day of June, 2000.

Rella R Morris
MAYOR

Attest:

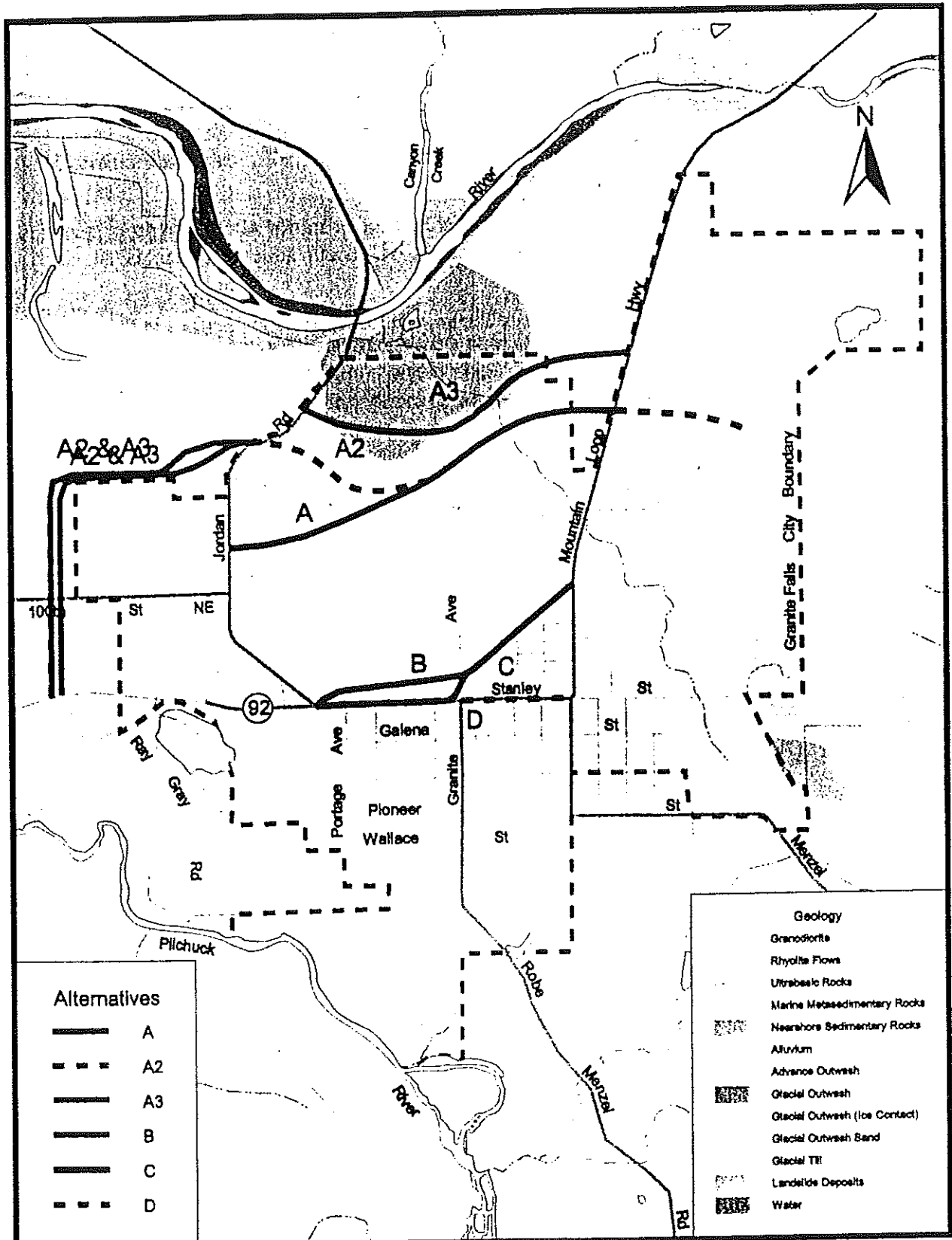
Gerry James
Clerk

Approved as to form:

Cheryl L Beyer
City Attorney

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May 24, 2000
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Granite Falls Alternate Route (City of Granite Falls)

Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement