Annexation plan with cost city and county

The city of Walla Walla is considering annexing the property south and east of the Table Rock subdivision, which is between Cottonwood and Kendall roads.

A high-density development of 408 homes is planned for this property. This will create 4,000 car trips daily using Cottonwood or Kendall roads. Proper infrastructure does not exist for such a development. This is coming up for a vote by the City Council in early June.

Why would the city assume the risk and liability of annexing property that has been identified with major drainage issues?

Why would the city as well as the county assume the risk and liability of not providing safe pedestrian sidewalks with curbs and bicycle lanes on all roads to and from the schools?

Why would the city and county assume financial responsibility for improvements of roads and intersections from the annexed property to downtown core.

What is in it for the city? Remember citizens, you are the city. You will be assuming these costs and liabilities and experience the traffic congestion.

It will be your kids that will be put into harm's way. Ask your mayor and City Council members to vote no for this annexation. And county citizens, ask your commissioners to fight this annexation. This annexation will cost the county as well.

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