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To: Eastin, Darryl
Subject: Regarding Point Wells Traffic Concerns

Mr. Eastin,

I appreciate the opportunity to write to you regarding my concerns of increased traffic in the areas surrounding the proposed Point Wells Urban Center.

I have lived in Shoreline for over twenty years, and our home is directly on Fremont Ave N, across from the Richland Highlands Rec Center. In the years since first moving here we have noticed a continual increase in traffic on Fremont Ave N. This traffic is a result of several factors, but most specifically it is comprised of people avoiding Aurora Avenue as they make their way North or South through Shoreline, or entering/leaving SCC (community college) and traffic from Shorewood High School.

Not only has traffic increased over the years, but driving speeds seem to have crept up as well. My main concern is the increased traffic that my neighborhood would experience on Dayton (1 block west of me) which is already backed up most mornings with community college traffic, or again, by folks avoiding Aurora Ave. Most of the four way stops along that stretch are sketchy for pedestrians, i.e. extreme vigilance is required lest you get mown down by an over-anxious driver zipping too quickly through the stops.

Fremont Avenue is currently a favorite route for delivery trucks and even larger trucks, also trying to avoid Aurora Avenue during heavy traffic hours. With the lack of side walks that Shoreline has throughout the city (really ridiculous for a city that promotes pedestrian travel - this city sorely needs more sidewalks) it's very difficult to feel that our children are safe walking to and from school, that we can be active walkers or bikers in our area, much less even consider MORE traffic as something that benefits our area. It doesn't.

I don't even think future residents of a proposed Point Wells urban center will realize how much they will likely come to hate the traffic they might be set to create when they become new residents of apartments/condos. I sure as heck wouldn't want to live at the bottom of the "hill" and try to make my way out of the "bowl" with 5,000+ other residents every morning heading for the freeway. And then head home in the evening on 185th behind car after car after car.....after car.

The portion of Shoreline that has been identified as the Point Wells Urban Center was never intended to accommodate such development and no matter how the county tries to cobble together a patchwork of traffic "through ways" to make it appear that the project will not adversely affect our neighborhoods, you SURELY must realize that it's a mistake.

Trying to concentrate that much development in an area that has only ONE WAY OUT (can't travel over water, and the only way out is up the hills) will only serve to make our citizens dislike Shoreline and move out - just like they move out of urban areas everywhere for the same reasons - too much crime, too much traffic, and loss of quality of life.

Thanks for listening to my concerns.

Janet Covarrubias
Shoreline Resident (20 years) and Seattle Native.