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**Subject**

Do not increase density in the NE 179th corridor until roads catch up

**Date of Hearing**

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**Comment**

Dear Councilors,

I am a resident who depends on the NE 179th Street corridor between I-5 and NE 50th Avenue for daily access, and I am asking you **\*\*not to increase residential or commercial density in this corridor until the roads catch up.\*\*** In 2019 the County lifted urban holding along this corridor on the promise that key transportation projects, including the I-5/179th interchange, the Delfel to NE 50th segment, and the NE 50th Avenue intersection reconstruction, would be funded and built within six years, but those projects are delayed well beyond that window while major new development continues. The traffic studies compiled on 179 Gridlock (<https://179gridlock.com>) show that NE 179th already fails your own volume-to-capacity and level-of-service standards when evaluated honestly, yet your concurrency system still credits four-lane arterial capacity to what is, for much of this stretch, a two-lane road, which contradicts the intent of WAC 365-196-840 requiring adequate, available facilities to support development.

Please do not add any new growth capacity in the NE 179th corridor and pause new development approvals along NE 179th from I-5 through NE 50th until the 2019 infrastructure commitments are substantially complete and concurrency is measured against real, built capacity using corridor-wide analysis. Existing residents should not be forced to absorb deeper

safety risks, access constraints, and daily gridlock so development can outrun the infrastructure the County already promised and the law already requires.

Sincerely,

Andrew Bauman, PhD



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