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Comment

I am a citizen of Ridgefield, WA. I have been negatively impacted by the sudden, explosive growth in our City over the last several years. I moved to Ridgefield after leaving an abusive relationship, and the quiet, small town charm alongside the plentiful open farmland, fields and wildlife were a healing balm for my heart, mind and soul. With the rapid growth of the Pioneer Street corridor, that quiet, small town feel has quickly dissolved into the typical traffic and human congestion, litter, pollution, and excessive pavement that typifies your standard urban sprawl. The wildlife have been displaced, the fields are being plowed over and the scenic nature that was part of Ridgefield's charm is quickly fading. Please do not continue to eat up farmland and natural areas in favor of more and more low income housing, apartments, businesses and dense residential areas. We need to maintain our green spaces and natural areas or we lose what makes Ridgefield special. Increased tourism, as suggested by one speaker, would only denigrate Ridgefield further and I oppose a tram or light rail connection to the City of Ridgefield.

