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Mr Eastin,

please include the following concerns in your scoping.

First, I would like you to study the traffic patterns carefully. I am particularly concerned about the traffic that could get generated on the smaller streets when the main arterials get bogged down.

6th Avenue NW is a two lane road that connects, in about as direct a way as possible, the community college to Richmond Beach Road or the northwestern neighborhoods. It is frequented by walkers, but has no sidewalk or clear place for pedestrians to be protected from traffic. During commute times, especially in the morning, it is already very difficult for people living in the cul de sacs off of this road to pull out onto the street. More cars will make this problem worse.

I would also like you to make sure to look at the school situation. If there are families moving into this development, where will the children attend school? School buses will have to get in and out of the area to take kids to the Edmonds schools, probably either through Woodway or up Richmond Beach Road, up 8th, into Edmonds.

The Shoreline schools could take some boundary exceptions, but the closest elementary school, Syre, is often quite full. Elementary school kids who wanted to go to a Shoreline school and were granted a boundary exception would likely have to travel to Echo Lake (across Aurora via Richmond Beach Road), or Highland Terrace (down 8th/10th or 6th) past the community college. There would be no bus option for those students. Middle schoolers would also be coming up Richmond Beach Road to 3rd Ave NW, and high schoolers would get into the already challenging traffic pattern that is southbound Fremont Avenue North.

I would like to see an extensive study of the current traffic patterns coming out of the Point Wells area, via the favorite shortcuts used by residents. Traffic bleeds off through Innis Arden before the big hill on Richmond Beach Road, disperses north and south on 8th, north and south on 3rd, south on Fremont and the much smaller Linden, before getting to Aurora. All of these paths would get considerably more congested, and because they are more residential, smaller roads, this will heavily impact pedestrians and current car traffic alike.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these issues.

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