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City of King City  
Attn: Mike Weston, City Manager  
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Mike,

I have decided to resign from the Planning Commission. I have never been a fan of the East West Transportation alignment, especially with the impact that it will have at the intersection of Fischer and HWY 99 and to all of the existing and future residents that presently use Fischer.

My wife and I deliver blood for the Red Cross on Tuesdays. Our route gets us to the main Red Cross blood bank on Vancouver Avenue and then deliveries to hospitals on the East side of Portland, Portland Adventist and Kaiser Sunnyside. Our homeward bound route ultimately gets us on HWY 99 right near the bridge crossing the Tualatin River. On this last Tuesday, traffic trying to turn left off of HWY 99 onto Fischer was backed up on the left side of the road almost to the end of the bridge. Many cars were in the designated left-hand turn lane, but others were on the edge of HWY 99 where there is no left turn lane backed up almost to the bridge. The driveway out of the Fire Station was not blocked, but it was only a narrow opening. We went up to HWY 99 and Durham to return to our house.

I have felt that the planning process on using Fischer was flawed from the start. I have waited for the consultants to take notice of the strong opposition to Fischer and that they would come up with a different analysis centered around making Beef Bend a much better road as well as making the intersection of Beef Bend and HWY 99 better. The longer this intersection and the entire length of Beef Bend is neglected, the more expensive it will be to finally fix it and solve the major transportation problems that will develop very soon as King City expands.

I have sent you all of the e mails that citizens near the Columbia Land Trust have sent me. I actually replied to a couple, then decided that was a bad plan on my part. But their opinions are not radical, instead they are seeing the light of the impacts and problems caused by allowing Fischer to be used for heavier future traffic use. With the intersection of Fischer and HWY 99 already overloaded at maximum commute times, all the existing plan is going to do is increase driver frustration and waste an inordinate amount of gasoline from cars slowly oozing towards this intersection to make their turns off of Fischer onto HWY 99.

I believe that many of these problems are due to the stupidity of the Oregon Planning Process. The philosophy of “no one is going to ever move to Oregon” has caused numerous traffic problems throughout the entire metro area because no one thought ahead to see that their inaction would cause such big problems in the future. No doubt that King City needs to expand. I’m very sure that their existing plan will make the quality of life in King City worse, not better.

Sorry to dump this on you and the city council and the planning commission at this last second. Thanks for the opportunity to serve on the commission.

Sincerely,

John Walter