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Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 9:18 AM
To: Hines, John; City Clerk's Office
Subject: Transportation Proposals

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Hello,

I recommend that all transportation projects listed under the West End be approved and funding found for implementation. At our meetings and in our inbox, WENC hears repeated concerns regarding the poor condition of Waters Road and South 19th leading to the Narrows Marina. In addition, 6th Avenue and Pearl Streets need improvements for both vehicles and pedestrians, particularly as these two areas are experiencing a disproportionate share of mid-level density growth in the city. We also have neighbors concerned about the need for speed bumps/traffic signals near Skyline Schools (yes, plural because there is a new Skyline and the old Skyline is still being used as a school for students who live in other parts of the city).

Thank you for considering the immediate and long-range transportation needs of the West End.

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From: Michelle Baldwin <mm_baldwin@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 2:35 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Norpoint Way NE road repairs and other safety issues

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Tacoma City Council Members,

I am writing regarding Norpoint Way NE in Northeast Tacoma. I have lived in this area for nearly twenty-three years and am very concerned for my own safety, as well as others, who travel on this road. The road is in desperate need of repair, as it is uneven and there are many potholes. I believe to avoid some of the uneven areas and potholes many drivers coming up the hill and illegally utilize the turn lanes into Pointe Woodworth as part of the main road - and continue driving straight. This is extremely dangerous and is going to cause a serious accident.

The traffic on this road has also significantly increased, contributing to the need for repair. We were informed a traffic study was conducted because of the new apartments on the upper part of Norpoint Way NE the road could handle this traffic. The traffic has increased to the point that it's difficult to get out of the Pointe Woodworth neighborhood. I don't believe the increase is totally due to the apartments, but do believe it has contributed to more traffic. Also, people who live in Pointe Woodworth (or visitors, deliveries, etc.) coming down the hill and turning into the neighborhood, are continually in danger of being rear-ended. Drivers often go around the driver slowing down to make a right turn - and illegally by-pass them driving into the turn lane. Also, some drivers coming up the hill cross over into the oncoming lanes when traveling around the sharp corner.

There have been many accidents on Norpoint Way NE, and I know some have resulted in fatalities. Because of all the safety issues, I am not sure why leadership has not done something to resolve even some of these issues. I know I am not the only person to complain. I am sure it's a money issue, as we often hear. Please review my complaints and work on resolving these dangerous safety issues. We need to continue to improve our community.

In summary:

1. Please review repairing the potholes and make the road surface smoother - making the road safer for all.
2. Please help resolve the issues of drivers illegally crossing into the turn lanes and crossing into oncoming lanes.
3. Please do something to help resolve the speeding - both going up and down the hill.

Thank you for your consideration,

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