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**From:** Community Development Email  
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**To:** Robert Maul; Lauren Hollenbeck  
**Subject:** FW: Road Rerouting to Accommodate New PBL HS

**From:** Rick Weithas [mailto:rickweithas@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 6:10 PM  
**To:** Community Development Email <communitydevelopment@cityofcamas.us>  
**Subject:** Road Rerouting to Accommodate New PBL HS

My name is Rick Weithas and I spoke with Robert Maul a couple of days ago regarding my strong objections and concerns related to the rerouting of the entrance into the PBL schools.

As you know, the entrance is currently on a wide 4 lane divided road that was designed to move traffic into commercial as well as residential areas. This road rarely is impacted by snow and ice in the winter and has proven over the years to move vast amounts of traffic into the heart of West Camas.

The proposed entrance is being moved to a narrow and winding two lane road that is barely adequate to support the existing residential areas and elementary school as evidenced by the current condition of the road with the existing traffic. The road was barely driveable several weeks ago due to the pot holes and that was only from the current levels of traffic.

For a significant portion of the winter, there is ice on several key points of that road in the morning caused by irrigation and steep slopes of road that approach Payne. This will be a major child safety issue as children are crossing roads with ice. This water and ice problem has further contributed to the poor condition of the road.

Relocating the entrance onto this narrow two lane road with four pinch points in a one mile stretch from 34th to Prune Hill Elementary. This road is in very poor condition. The shoulders have eroded in several spots and pot holes mark a large portion of the mid section. It also suffers from uneven leveling attributed to its age and poor construction. My concerns are real and the neighborhood will be living with this mistake for years to come. The current entrance was designed to accommodate traffic and it would seem a much better design decision to simply move the entrance down a bit from its current location. This would keep it on a road designed for heavy amounts of traffic with a dedicated entrance for the schools making it safer and honestly more practical for everyone.

Again, I will be coming to the meeting on Thursday and need this input to be known from a 15 year resident of this neighborhood who has the wisdom of experience and knowledge of this road. I will be disappointed if and when this change happens and there isn't any accountability or contingency plan to deal with the fallout of the decision. The high school area has had to deal with a similar issue for years and my kids have a one hour bus ride to a school that is only 5 miles away. That is absolutely absurd and demonstrates the track record of these types of school and city planning mistakes. I am compelled to speak as I don't feel these mistakes should be repeated. We need the voice of experience, reason and practicality of people who live in the adjoining area.

Regards,

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