

Lisa Clausen

From: Public Council Inbox
To: jnelson168@comcast.net
Subject: RE: Maplewild and SW 172nd St

Thank you for your message. It will be included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming Council meeting.

L. Clausen
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From: jnelson168@comcast.net [mailto: jnelson168@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, August 02, 2010 3:34 PM
To: Public Council Inbox
Subject: Maplewild and SW 172nd St

Dear Burien City Council, Mayor Joan McGilton, Deputy Mayor Rose Clark, Councilmembers Brian Bennett, Jack Block, Kathy Keene, Lucy Krakowiak and Gordon Shaw,

As a long time homeowner on SW 172nd St, I am very concerned about Burien's proposed changes to Maplewild and 172nd. The community's character would be irreversibly changed, and impacts to homeowners would be extreme. In addition, in many places the physical lay of the land seems to make it an impossible task as well as cost prohibitive.

These roads have served the area well through the years and with the fact that there is very little, if any, vacant land, there is no continuing growth that would require the changes; the area's population density is saturated.

As to safety, we already have problems with speeders around the Point, and that would only increase with these changes making it a less safe environment for everyone. In addition, it would inevitably attract new traffic creating more problems for homeowners. When driving these picturesque rural roads, it seems unimaginable to think of them as becoming city streets with sidewalks and bike lanes. This is not the place for that. We are not near city center where there are businesses within walking distance.

In conclusion, I ask that the proposal to add bike lanes and sidewalks in this area be stricken from the list of proposed improvements in Burien's six-year Transportation Improvement Program.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Julie Nelson
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CFTR: 08/16/10

