

November 20, 2014

Dear Beaverton City Commissioners:

We live approximately 75 feet from what we believe has become one of the busiest 4-way intersections in Washington County, 175th and Kemmer Road. We have witnessed and personally experienced troublesome trends with regards to our stretch of 175th since 2003 that we feel you should be aware of as you plan for transportation changes. The section of 175th that heads south from said intersection towards Winkleman Park (past our home) is set at 45 mph. Having had a birds-eye view of this stretch of road for over 11 years has given us a unique perspective regarding some hazards of a 45 mph speed limit on this section of road.

#### SPEEDING

Cars routinely begin passing other cars heading south towards Winkleman Park *right in front our house*. Passing is usually completed as cars coast by the firestation, which is close to cars emerging from Winkleman Park. We were informed by a Washington County Sheriff officer that the current speed at the top of 175th is basically unenforceable due to the inability to safely stop an offending driver due to the multiplicity of safety issues while traveling on the road.

Our suggestion: lower the speed limit to 35 mph, install an electronic sign by Schell Lane that flashes a car's speed as they approach, and install at least two-to-three speed humps between the 4-way stop and the firestation to encourage the reduction of speed.

#### SCHOOL BUSES

Public school buses are not allowed to release children from the bus to properties that are to the left side of the bus in 45 mph zones (where the child would have to cross in front of the bus). When our daughter took the public school bus home from school, the bus had to pass our property, travel all the way down to Scholls Ferry and onto Roy Rogers Road (where it turned around at the Blueberry Hill Farm) only to make its way back up 175th to drop her off at the top of the hill. Most of the time she was one of two kids that had to make the additional 20 minute trip. With a 55-home subdivision currently being proposed for this stretch of road (between our home and the firestation) many more children will possibly be negatively affected.

Our suggestion: Reduce the speed limit to 35 mph so that kids can safely exit the bus to their respective properties without additional time on the bus, expense to the school district, and pollution to the environment.

Thank you for your time and attention spent on these important matters.

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