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I am thankful the levy passed for a new Tyee school to be built, finally. These kids have needed and deserved this for a long time.

I am a neighbor of the school and live directly across from the western driveway. That driveway is the subject of my comment.

The western Tyee driveway is positioned in a manner that makes it very difficult for the neighbors across the street from the driveway to turn into our driveway. Many cars line up in the turn-lane when they are facing east. Those of us that are coming from the east, heading west, and are trying to turn into our driveways have no option but to sit and wait for the turn lane to clear. Sometimes it can be quite a period of time because cars will just continue to stack up in the turn lane. Also, I think it is crazy that buses are not only allowed, but encouraged to use that driveway as indicated in the plan documents. To set a system up to have buses with children make a left-hand turn across two lanes of traffic seems like a very unsafe practice. Additionally, people heading west on 188th are often people unfamiliar with the area, are headed to the airport and are distracted because of their lack of knowing the area. Naturally, with Tyee being an high school, there is likely to be an above average number of new, inexperienced drivers too.

Traffic on 188th St. is usually going considerably faster than the posted speed limit. The speed limit is 35 mph, the normal driving speed is around 40-45 miles per hour, and sometimes quite a bit faster than that. I don't think any bus should be allowed to take a left hand turn anywhere other than at a control light intersection in a school zone.

I am writing to ask that you close that driveway or move that driveway approximately 15 feet to the west. Ten feet may even be adequate, I am not sure. Another option would be to put up a barrier to disallow left hand turns from 188th Street into that driveway all together, but allow the residents to turn left into their residential driveways. Best of all, eliminate the driveway and position one to the East of the current eastern driveway.

Thank you.

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