

To: Camas City Council members

Regarding : Proposed Project at Friberg and 13th Street in Camas.

March 6th, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

My name is Brittany Bozarth, I live at 19821 NE 13th St, Camas WA for the last 11 years and am located .1 miles from the proposed gas station.

I have many concerns in regards to the SEPA report and the approval of this project that have not fully been considered and vetted against the city and state codes you have committed to enforce.

Traffic Study

- The traffic study was not conducted during peak hours for this road. You conducted this study in the middle of summer when school was not in session. You also only indicated traffic from the high school, many of us on this road have students at the elementary school and travel down 13th to access 192nd. The elementary should be included in the traffic numbers, you can only right turn out of Illahee elementary on 1st St. Forcing you to Friberg to then access 13th St, up to 192nd. The high school and local elementary school release and start at almost the same time. The high school and elementary school start at 8:40 and 8:35, and end at 3:18 pm respectively. The peak hours in the PM are NOT 4-6 PM, these hours are 2:45-4:00PM when in which parents and teens are departing school. The traffic backs up from the light at 192nd and NE 13th St. to Friberg daily, making it impossible to even leave my driveway.

Sidewalk

- There is no safe way to access this proposed development. The separation from lane of travel is less than six inches. You are now going to have more pedestrians walking this road (I see teenagers *daily* walking this road already to access the school). Adding a convenience store gives them more reason to take this route where there is **NO** safe access. Will you put a sidewalk in when a pedestrian is killed?
- The county and the city share this strip of road, both should be held accountable and liable to provide safe access and the business should be required to assist in that development.
- They should be required to pay a hefty TIF to facilitate the improvements of the road.

Driveway

- My driveway has immediate access to 13th St. I was denied the ability to provide safe exit and entrance to my home by generating a u-shaped driveway and now there will be even more traffic. You are asking for an accident.
- It is difficult for me to exit my driveway now due to traffic, an increase in trips daily will only exacerbate the issue.

Buses/Kids

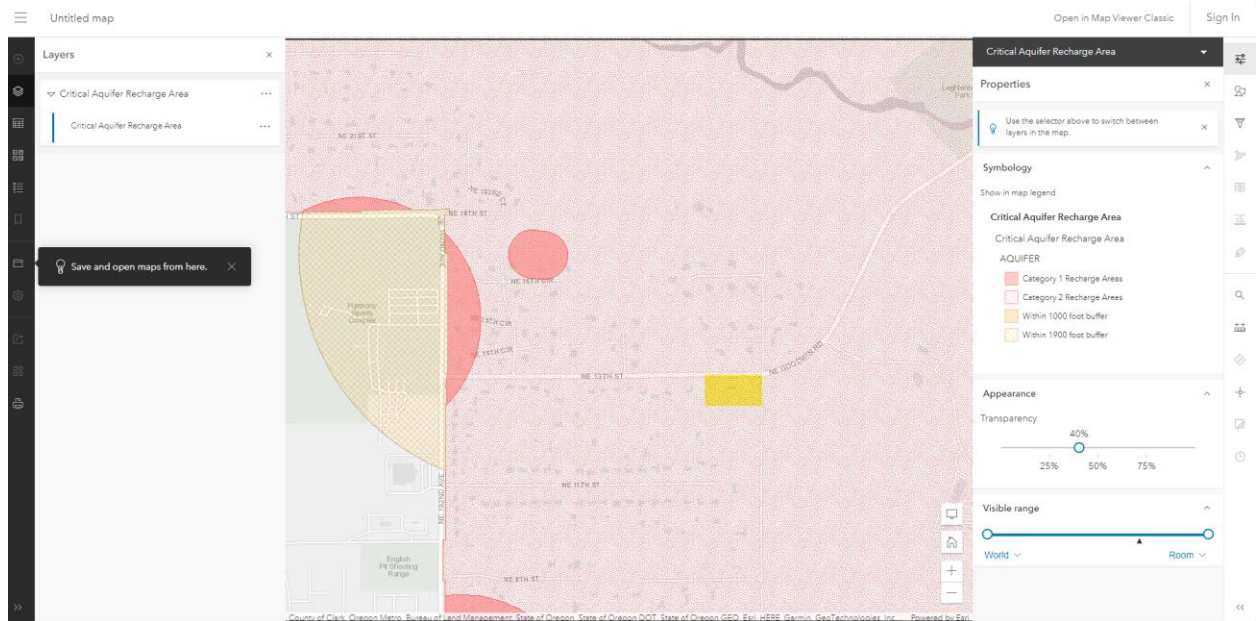
- The buses for the schools travel this route daily to pick up students. There are many school bus stops on 13th St. alone. This is a safety issue, you have young elementary school children waiting to get on a bus, and now you are going to encourage further traffic down the road.
- I have had two cars in my ditch, right where my children have to wait for a bus. The lane of travel is too small to have large (or small) tanker trucks traveling this route. You are risking the lives of our youth.
- The cars traveling west on 13th come off a 45mph road and do not slow down. They blow through the school bus stop sign weekly, ignoring the safety of our students.

Accidents and Lane of Travel

- My mailbox resides on 13th St., exactly where my children are required to wait for a bus. This mailbox has been hit and demolished four times in the last six years. June 20 2018, July 8th 2020, March 31, 2021 and July 6th 2021.
- There is no shoulder, and when you send these large tanker trucks down the road, there is zero room for error and they have been known to cross the white line and damage property.
- The garbage service requires our cans are set at the end of our driveway. My driveway has a steep slope from 13th St and they have to be placed right at the white line to avoid them running back down the driveway. They get knocked over and spilled just from the speed of travel and wind gust created from these large vehicles traveling by.
- To reiterate the accidents unreported on the road typically involve cars in the ditch and are not reported due to single party involvement and they want to avoid a ticket. The one car was abandoned, and I reported it to police on or around Sept 14th, 2020.

Well Water/Run Off

- All the homes on NE 13th St rely on the stability and safety of our well water. The code states that petroleum storage areas must be one hundred feet from the well. The property immediately next to the proposed gas station (20005 NE 13th St) is closer than 100ft to the storage tanks.
- Additionally this area is a [CARA \(Critical aquifer recharge areas\)](#) and the code states in **16.55.080 - Uses prohibited from critical aquifer recharge areas. That a fuel and/or gas stations is not permitted.**



- The run off from spills and other accidents will lead to the stormwater that feeds Lacamas Creek. The very lake your voters are trying to save.

Site Challenges and Risk Assessments

- The developer should not be given *any* exceptions to the code. If an entrance/exit cannot be within 250 yards of an intersection, this property cannot accommodate this gas station. This will create an unsafe road and intersection at NE 13th St. and Friberg being so close to the traffic light.
- The site plan does not accommodate the code for corner lot vision clearance 18.17.030 - Corner lot vision clearance area.
- Those travelling west on 13th St. when proceeding through the intersection at Friberg will not have the appropriate sight distance to see the fuel trucks entering the *oncoming* lane of traffic and will cause collisions. A car verses a tanker truck, we know who wins that war. These cars are traveling at a rate of speed of 45mph and will be expect to stop on a dime. [WSDOT sight distance regulations](#)

Thank you for your careful consideration,

Brittany Bozarth

