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Hello,

I have heard from a parent of Meridian Park Elementary that City Council is talking about traffic speed and sidewalk tomorrow.

I just want to share my experience at the sidewalk on the Southside of 175th from Ashworth to MP.

I used to walk my kids to and from school. The sidewalk is extremely narrow and the cars on the 175th are going very fast, usually faster than the speed limit. You can feel the gust of wind by the car, I feel very scared of walking there. I always feel "What if my kids' backpack strap or something they are holding gets caught by the trucks (there are lots of trucks) and cars??? They will definitely die." And we had to walk that sidewalk everyday twice. (For myself, 4 times.) On the garbage pick up days, it gets worse. Houses between Ashworth and MP on the South side of 175th have to put their big bins on the sidewalk. Then there is no space for us to walk, sometimes we have to step out onto the street where the cars are going. There are families with strollers, then they have to put the strollers to the street. Kids who are themselves, they do not know how to go around the bins. The garbage bins are there in the morning and the time kids go home because people are at work, not there to pull their bins in. There are times, there was sidewalk construction two years ago. They put the huge orange triangle sign for the cars "work ahead" then the sign was closing off the entire sidewalk. They took it away after 3:30 but families (with strollers) needed to get to school to pick up way before 3:30, and I had to get out to the street to walk around it. I never feel safe on the 175th.

There will be more traffic because there are more apartments being built. I am very worried about our kids, families with strollers, just a healthy adult walking on the sidewalk of 175th with a high speed car going by.

Thank you!

Yuko Ueda.

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