

Received by email 2015 April 14

Dear Ms. Prior,

Per our earlier conversation, here are concerns which we would like the Traffic Safety Committee to address:

We live at 4045 Marine Drive in Burnaby where we have been since 1989. The bus stop has always been there; however, over the last number of years, the road traffic has increased significantly due to the new housing developments in the neighbourhood. When we moved into our house 20 years ago, there was just a bus stop and no bench. Today, there is a bench, a mailbox, and a metro newspaper stand all in front of our house - all indicators of increased number of bus passengers.

The following are issues that we face on a daily basis:

1. The bus stop is now a connector bus stop which means increased number of buses, greater frequency (every few minutes during rush hours) and increased passenger traffic.
2. Often, passengers are standing on our driveway, yard, and sometimes, in inclement weather, on our porch which is a significant security risk as well as a safety issue for us
3. It is often difficult to see the passengers as we try and exit or back out of our driveway – once again causing a safety issue
4. The bigger buses cover more than half our driveway, making it both difficult to get in and out of our house
5. While there is a lot of garbage which we clean up on a daily basis, we do not appreciate having to cleanup needles and condoms – all safety issues

We would like to suggest that this stop be either moved 2 houses over where the house does not have a front-facing driveway, or be eliminated altogether since there are 2 other stops on either side of our house not too far away.

We look forward to a positive response from the Safety Committee and thank you for your consideration.

Yasmin & Shaukat Jiwa