

To the Traffic Safety Committee

Yesterday I got a rude awakening – I have been trying different routes to get to work. I came down Hastings headed west from SFU towards Duthie and proceeded to turn left onto Duthie on my way to work located at Sperling and Kitchener. I was lost in thought etc and completely missed the signs indicating no left turn onto Duthie between 7am and 9am - Yes my fault completely. I was also very fortunate and got off with a warning – I think he could truly see my 'disbelief' and shock about the no left hand turn.

I'd like to question the decision on a no left turn lane at this intersection.

There are hardly any cars heading up Burnaby Mountain Parkway to SFU at this time and all traffic is already funneling onto Hastings from the Barnet (Inlet Drive) headed west. Why not try to alleviate the congestion and allow a left turn onto Duthie? Also, there were only a handful of cars turning at Sperling the last couple of mornings and on a few occasions and the left turn signal didn't even go on. Again, there were only a few vehicles headed east on Hastings on to the Barnet so it was easy to turn left but of course even if it is only one vehicle, it creates a line up behind it that then congests the previous intersection (Hastings at Inlet/Barnet) for both those already headed west and those trying to get onto Hastings headed west because they can't turn left at Duthie.

The Barnet is impossible with most vehicles having a single passenger so the HOV lane is completely open but of course when you get to this intersection – it's crazy with 3 lanes now funneling onto Hastings headed west.

Just a thought.

Thanks for passing this on.

Kind regards,



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