

City of Burnaby  
Public Safety Committee  
Burnaby, BC

July 27, 2017

**Re File 2410-20**

Dear Ms. Nikolina Vracar

thank you for sending me a letter re the above file. Concerning the traffic jam at rush hour between Nelson Avenue and Royal Oak Avenue.

Things along this stretch of Burnaby was always troublesome. Now you spend a lot of money, but instead of improving the traffic, it it worse.

You mention in your letter that dual left turn bays were not recommended, because of pedestrian friendly use used by school children. Well, the children have their own walkway in the middle of this road with a traffic light. This walkway is another problem, since the traffic controllers (mainly young girls) hold up the already backed up cars for a scraggler. I wrote a letter to ICBI having them instruct the persons doing the traffic job.

Long line ups are blocking the middle lane If you need me to take photos of this mess, I will do so. At times the traffic tie up is even from Sussex.

Your letter re school children crossing does not make sense, since the children do not cross at Royal Oak and Dover. I left a message with Mr. Doug Louie. It is annoying to see Burnaby spending so much money to make things worse. During the day and when the children are in school, all is ok, but when school is ending and rush hour traffic starts it's a mess.

I have to drive that stretch of road everyday to give my husband Paul Weber his medication and prepare his food. He lives on 6170 Waltham Street. When I cannot make a left hand turn from Nelson onto Dover on the first light, I get angry at the inefficiency of Burnaby. Please do not rely on engineers who have no idea what the traffic is like. This traffic will get worse with all the high rises planned in the Metrotown Area. One can not even get into the lane which crosses Royal Oak, because of cars blocking it. Buses use the outside lane, blocking the right hand turn lane. This outside lane is merging right after the bus stop on the East side of Royal Oak, **another problem.**

As I mentioned in my first letter. Drivers are using Oakdale to make left hand turns going North. Installing speed bumps as part of a Local Area Service Program is not going to help. This annoyance is difficult to discribe. My frustration of the inability of Burnaby to do it right is growing every day. DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.

Yours truly  
*Hildegard Weber*  
Hildegard Weber

Note: Mrs. Weber's initial correspondence to the Committee appeared on 2017 July 11 meeting agenda. Following the receipt of July 27 correspondence, Engineering Department staff contacted Mrs. Weber to explain the rationale for the current design. The writer remains convinced that the situation is worse due to the eastbound congestion along Dover Street during rush hour. Staff will continue to monitor intersection operations and any short-cutting along Oakdale Road, and make adjustments where required. The current road design has refrained from a larger roadway expansion in favour of maintaining a safer pedestrian environment.

*cc. D. Doug Louie, Burnaby Council*

