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Having been a Bellevue resident since 1968 I have seen lots of change. But, last night as I sat in traffic trying to get from Lake Hills Elementary School to my home on Lakehurst Lane in south Bellevue, I question again whether I like these changes. I make this trip 3 days a week because I'm caregiver to one of my grandsons. Yesterday at 4 pm I left Lake Hills via 140<sup>th</sup> to Kamber Road, to Richards Road to Factoria's 124<sup>th</sup> where traffic trying to access Coal Creek Pkwy was backed up to the Target store. I cut across via 41<sup>st</sup> to get back on Factoria Blvd which also turned out to be a mistake. From there I finally got on Coal Creek Pkwy heading south, came across Newport Hills on SE 60<sup>th</sup> to Lake Washington Blvd across the freeway and home to Lakehurst Lane 50 minutes later at 4:50pm. This is pretty typical now for this maybe 5 mile maximum trip.

The above is a trip that used to take 10-15 minutes maximum. What baffles me is what is going to happen when the new Factoria development adding 300+ apartments and a hotel is going to do to this commute. Even more baffling is that COB is entertaining approving a permit for an additional 66 condos at the intersection of Coal Creek Pkwy and Factoria Blvd.

My question to Transportation Department is, how do you let this happen? Do you not have any say about what Planning and City Council do? Are your hands tied? Living here since 1968 I have seen enormous growth in buildings and minimal growth in infrastructure to handle that growth. The streets aren't that much different now than they were in 1968. Can Bellevue not put a damper on development until they get these horrendous traffic problems solved? We residents would certainly appreciate it if they did. I doubt many Bellevue residents want us to become Seattle.

Thank you.

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