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This is Eric and Mary Gettis 5200 Thane.

Thank you for the crossing guards this year. They did a great job. They were present every day, well trained, and kept the flow of traffic moving.

Adding a **crosswalk between Marine Park and Heritage Way #13**, is absolutely terrible plan. Allowing another crosswalk 50 fee between a traffic light and another crosswalk will back up traffic and continue to be a hazard for pedestrians. Please do not institute this plan. This area actually needs some sort of fence or other deterrent to prevent people walking across Marine Way.

Additionally, the Filipino roundabout across from the Red Dog continues to be a dangerous area. Tourists randomly wander in and out of that area creating a dangerous situation. The foliage hedge is lovely, but it obscures the line of sight for drivers.

Buses and other vehicles turning onto Thane from the rockdump and Mill Street toward town also need to watch for vehicles coming into town from Thane. This is a serious problem. Buses and vans routinely pull out and head north into town without looking south on Thane creating a very dangerous situation. We have almost been hit several times by tourist buses.

Northbound buses turning left into the parking lot across from the Grizz Bar also need re-routing. This creates congesting and deep frustration.

Streetlights need to be added just past Dock B to Mill Street. It is very hard to see people on the sidewalk.

Do not add a heliport on Thane. This adds more traffic and congestion on a challenging road.

The Allen Marine catamarans through a huge wake upon the shore, even more than large cruise ships. As a sport fisherman, this is a real problem. They never slow down and tear up the beach.

And finally, who monitors water quality in the Gastineau Channel. Is it clean? Is it safe? This is very concerning.

Please call with any questions.

Thank you,

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