

**Astoria at Meydenbauer Bay  
Owners Association  
10047 Main Street  
Bellevue, WA 98004**

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Mr. Mark Poch  
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City of Bellevue  
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Dear Mr. Poch,

Thank you for attending the Meydenbauer Bay Neighbors Association meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Your comments were most appreciated.

Astoria condominium owners love living in the City of Bellevue. We are excited about the possibilities of the new waterfront park. We are 71 residential owners with 112 cars, not counting the 3 commercial owners whose businesses depend on guest parking in our garage.

Today, our enjoyment of this wonderful area is being challenged. We have a traffic problem! Most of our residential owners park in our lower garage which exits onto NE 101<sup>st</sup> Street. When we need to go south, we have an easy route to get onto Bellevue Way via SE 3d Street or SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street. However, if we need to enter Main Street, we often face significant problems. Turning right (eastbound) on Main Street is usually possible except during commute hours. Turning left (westbound) is more often difficult. During commute hours it is pretty much impossible. Our solution to turning left during commute hours, is "going around" by the Yacht Club onto NE 100<sup>th</sup>, and up to the traffic light which allows us to left turn onto Lake Washington Boulevard or continue straight onto NE 100<sup>th</sup>.

In your comments at the meeting, you mentioned that the traffic lights on NE 102d and NE 100<sup>th</sup> were being upgraded and synchronized with the traffic light on Bellevue Way. We applaud you for this improvement.

We are watching the building of the two major complexes on Bellevue Way, directly to our east, with great apprehension. We understand that these complexes will introduce another 1,500 cars onto Bellevue Way which will surely increase our traffic problems. You mentioned that the City expects the downtown resident population of Bellevue to increase from 8,000 to 30,000 in 2030. That number really frightens us.

If I understood you correctly, the ONLY traffic improvement the City plans to implement on Old Main Street in the foreseeable future is the upgrade and synchronization of the three traffic lights. Yet with this monstrous future increase of new traffic onto Main Street you plan **on closing NE 100<sup>th</sup> south of Main Street** with Phase III of the City Park. Our access to the north will totally disappear. All of the residents in the Shoreland and the neighborhoods above Meydenbauer Bay will suffer the same problem.

It seems to us that with the significant increase in future traffic, we should be planning on opening more roads, not closing them.

We respectfully request that the closing of NE 100th be reconsidered.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Terrance C. McCarthy  
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Astoria at Meydenbauer Bay Owners Association

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