

To whom it may concern,

I hope this message finds you well. I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your initial efforts to improve safety for pedestrians and children on SE Roethe Rd. Your commitment to community safety is commendable.

As a resident at the corner of SE Roethe and SE Gordon Rd, I have seen firsthand the challenges we face. Despite recent measures, I am concerned that they may not be sufficient to address the growing dangers in this area. With SE Roethe now serving as a detour for SE Jennings, there has been a marked increase in speeding and a disregard for both signage and crosswalks, making it particularly hazardous for children trying to cross the street. In collaboration with community members, including Joyce Johnson Nd Justm Bong, we have been actively working with Clackamas County road safety engineers to address these issues. While we appreciate the recent reduction of the speed limit to 25 mph, and the installation of new crossing signs and reflective poles, more needs to be done. The crosswalks remain dangerous, and the need for flashing lights and additional safety measures is urgent. Unfortunately, the county lacks the necessary funds for these enhancements. I have personally witnessed three car accidents in recent months, including one involving a school bus letting children off. This highlights the critical need for effective solutions. Rex Putnam High School serves K-12 students, and students rely on Roethe Rd daily to access their schools. I strongly urge you to consider allocating more funding for safety improvements, such as properly designed crosswalks with illuminated alerts and speed bumps to effectively slow down traffic. The safety of our community, especially our children, depends on these changes. The sheriff's office is aware of the situation and attempts to patrol the area, but their resources are limited.

Every day, I observe students struggling to cross Roethe Rd safely, and it is clear that immediate action is required. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. Together, we can enhance the safety of our streets and protect our community.

Kind regards,
Julia Visser