

Hello. My name is James Bong. We live near Rex Putnam HS. We have lived here for over 60 years. Roethe Rd is a very dangerous road. We Have been working with Clackamas county rd Safety engineers to help slow traffic and protect students in the area. The county has changed the speed limit to 25mph recently. Joyce Johnson and myself have attended a Clackamas County board meeting to help with this situation. We have been in touch with Nicole Perry from the Safe Routes to School team to help. Roethe has K thru 12 students on it everyday. There are two intersections that lead to the High school. The crosswalks are very dangerous. They need flashing lights etc. the county does not have the funds to install these. Rex Putnam is the first High School to be accepted in the safe routes to school campaign. We have met with the engineers, school officials, and Nicole Perry at the crosswalks to observe the situation. Since then they have made some changes. New crossings signs, reflective poles. New school entrance signs and reduced the speed on Roethe Rd etc We need more funding to install the crosswalk flashing lights etc. Roethe is a commuter rd from Oatfield rd to 99E with a large population. Students use this route everyday to access schools. Please help make more funds available for this. The Sheriffs office is aware of the situation and try to put patrols in the area but they have limited resources to do so. No officers to patrol the area. Every day I watch students try to cross Roethe rd with difficulty! Cars do not stop at these intersections. People out for a walk to the high school for exercise etc, have a hard time also. Please help the community and the Safety of the students with funds for this Road. Thanks James Bong.