

Dear councillors,

I am voicing my concern about the excessive increase of heavy truck traffic on 9th Ave., North especially since the opening of the Bypass. We have been a resident on Williston Drive for the past 24 years. The traffic noise was not that noticeable when we first moved in until the twinning of 9th Ave., North. With the south bound lanes come in so close to our backyard the noise of residential traffic became more noticeable and unbearable. We had hoped that the city would be putting up some 10 to 12 foot sound barrier walls but that never happened. Now that all that heavy semi traffic is coming down 9th Avenue north from the bypass we can no longer enjoy any peaceful time in our backyard without yelling at each other to talk. It's gotten so bad that when the semis hit the cracks in the southbound and lanes behind our home our windows have started rattling in our house.

I was hoping that the purpose of the bypass was for the semis to not be going through a residential area which is what 9th Ave., North is basically between Pinky Road and the argyle Street overpass. The majority of these heavy trucks are going either to Evraz or to the industrial area and their shortcut through 9th Ave., North has not only been a noise hazard but it is becoming a traffic hazard.

There Has to be a better solution, like restricting traffic on 9th Ave., North where no heavy trucks or semis can access the industrial area via 9th Ave. North ; for the semis to use the bypass for the purpose it was created for a.k.a. bypassing residential areas and the Installation of sound barrier walls on the southside of ninth Avenue north from Pinkie road or Courtney Street to McCarthy Boulevard.

It would be so nice to be able to enjoy our backyard for the purpose it was intended for, I would rather have the eyesore of sound barrier walls than listen to the fire retardant brakes and downshifting of semi trucks Nonstop day and night.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter

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