

We have been residents of Westhill Park and neighbourhood adjacent to 9th Avenue North for 18 years. The by-pass off-ramp onto 9th Avenue North and introduction of semi-trucks with both single and multi-trailers and no weight restriction is having a disparaging effect. We are unable to use our decks, patios yards and overall outdoor surroundings due to constant excessive noise and fumes at all hours.

A one hour count on October 15th from 8:30-9:30 am of semi-trucks both single and dual trailers (41), gravel/sewage size (12) was done for a total of **53** trucks. This count does not include cars, SUV's, half and three quarter ton trucks some pulling camping trailers, bobcats or larger equipment, boats, winnebagos and school bus traffic also present during this timeline. It should also be noted the City of Regina previously installed a vehicle road cable counter for west bound traffic on the north side of 9th and west of Fairway intersection. By early next morning the cable no longer attached on the road and remained detached until pick-up.

Have witnessed semi-trailer trucks U-turn (east to west) on 9th Avenue just east of the Fairway intersection. Also, an unmarked police SUV turned on emergency lighting, slowed and U-turned (east to west) while a dual semi-trailer geared down and lock brakes to prevent running over the police vehicle. This U-turn was made to stop a west bound half ton truck approximately two blocks from Fairway intersection, tire marks still visible.

There is single lane traffic east and west bound on 9th Avenue with no shoulders from Pinkie Road to Courtney with turning lane at Fairway. Horns blowing and tires squealing are frequent sounds as vehicles turning are being passed by thru vehicle traffic both directions and semi-trucks unable to stop. There are four traffic light intersections from Pinkie to Pasqua again no shoulders, local resident traffic is slowed by semi-truck lengths, start and stops. Local residents have opted to alternate routes for their safety and to increase their travel time. Roadway cracking is visible along the centre yellow line on 9th, weight related?

A ten minute shortcut should come as a cost of doing business included in a tender as a 1.8 billion dollar by-pass route has already been provided for business. This shortcut is at a cost to each and every Edgewater, Westhill, Normanview West, Normanview and Walsh Acres resident, family and homeowner with noise, fumes, unsafe roadway and unable to use our surroundings. No berm can be thick or tall enough and stop the depreciation of our property value.

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