

To the city councillors,

Please remove the heavy truck and dangerous goods designation for 9th avenue north!

The other day I was out raking leaves in the backyard and the number of heavy trucks using 9th avenue north was quite frequent. So much so that I did a quick tally, using my watch as a guide. I didn't need to see the trucks, one could simply complete this task by listening as it was obvious when one was passing. It averaged out to one heavy truck every 15 to 20 seconds. In other words, there were 3 to 4 heavy trucks every minute.

I have heard some elected officials argue that we knew that this would be inevitable when we moved or built in the area. I object to these comments! When we started to build our home 32 years ago, 9th avenue north by Westhill was a narrow gravel road. Any new north to south connector, according to what we had been told, was to be Courtney Street.

Thirty two years ago the Global Transportation Hub was not even a thought. Now that it exists, we need to take action preventing heavy trucks from creating a freeway in our backyard. Even when I'm in the house I often hear the heavy trucks pass. In addition to supporting Motion 29-23, I believe that a raised berm should be constructed and/or 9th avenue north moved considerably north of its current location. Even without heavy trucks, the increase in vehicle volume warrants additional actions.

With concern,

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