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Re Osborne on the Red Traffic lights.

Thanks for the opportunity to express my concern as a resident of Osborne on the Red. There has been at least one major accident and many witnessed near accidents as people are attempting to get to work on the congested Osborne Street. The congestion is much worse since the installation of the traffic lights to accommodate the MTS staff.

While congestion is occurring on Osborne Street, many of us residents are attempting to exit our parking lot to access Osborne Street. It is almost impossible to enter Osborne from our north entrance as it is too close to the new traffic light where cars are stopped at the lights or attempting to turn. We must now all use the south entrance both for exit and for entrance. We must wait for a thoughtful person to let us in so we can be part of the Osborne Traffic. The right lane is blocked because of the bus stopping to let passengers on or off and the left lane is blocked as vehicles are attempting to turn left. As we inch along, we are then stopped by the red traffic light.

It shocks me that the City Councillors can make decisions they know will affect 100 plus unit owners. Our taxes are very high compared to single dwellings. Yet it seems to me that you easily voted to block our north entrance, congest our already congested street and not to follow the advice of the engineers who are specialists and whose suggests should be acted upon..

Tonight as you return home from work, think of how you would react if your councillor, without warning, blocked your driveway.

It is too late for us to be able to access our home from our preferred access. However, I hope that today you will vote and support the recommendations by our engineers and as presented by Jenny Gerbasi, to at least try to fix part of the problem.

Judy Riedel
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