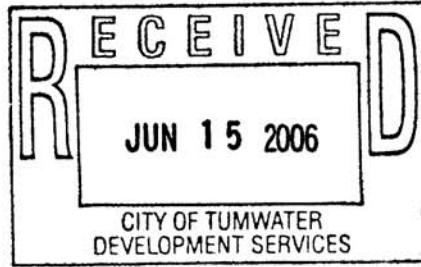


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June 12, 2006

Dear Mr. Gellenbeck,

Although I couldn't attend the public hearing this evening for comments on the DSEIS for the proposed WalMart project, I would like to contribute in a written format.

Traffic impacts remain my focus of concern with a commercial enterprise of this size. The DSEIS indicates that "the proposed retail development is expected to generate a total of **9,716 new daily** and **793 net new weekday PM peak hour** vehicular trips".

Why is the information only available for "peak PM" hours?

What about the mornings?

What about weekends?

These traffic studies were conducted "at 13 study intersections for the weekday PM peak hour." Do we know *what* hour this even is? Traffic begins to build in the area by about 2:00 in the afternoon... as well as by 7:15 in the morning- let alone weekend afternoons!

I don't see information that details where these 13 intersections were located. At the scoping meeting my request was to include a radius **five miles**, in all directions, around the proposed site. All that this document shows is "queue lengths are forecast to increase along the Trospen Road corridor as a result of the proposed project." What about traffic backing up both north and south on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue/Littlerock? The roundabouts won't solve the bottleneck and gridlock that will occur when all this traffic converges at the intersection of Littlerock and Trospen Roads and a traffic signal.

The parking lots are also an area of concern. I see that "an administrative modification of the Tumwater Municipal Code has been requested by the applicant to allow an increased amount of parking for the proposed project." Even then this document states that the amount of parking won't be adequate during the month of December and employees might have to park "elsewhere". *Where* is this "elsewhere"? In the Costco or Albertson's parking lots? This will have a domino effect on all the surrounding businesses during the important holiday retail season. The "seasonal" merchandise (presumably garden- related) is also unclear- just how much of their parking lot will be taken up by these items?

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Request: *don't* allow the variance! Rather, insist on a pedestrian corridor that includes a treed pathway through the lots, with benches and other park-like features so that people can safely walk along that rather than Trooper Road. Instead of taking down the "majority of existing trees onsite", insist that some be kept for this purpose and have *fewer* parking stalls. Otherwise there will be 21 acres of pavement and no place for people.

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Lastly, I have a concern about the projected number of police calls that would be generated from the store. 359? That is basically one per day. *Why?* The bars in downtown Olympia are threatened with closure if they incur repeated police visits! I would insist that residents be informed of the nature of the calls at other WalMart SuperStore locations. I also see nothing about forbidding the sale of weapons, when the store is located near an elementary school, across the street from a middle school and down the road from both high schools!

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I certainly don't feel that my concerns were adequately addressed with this document and I really hope City of Tumwater planners feel the same...

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Thank you and sincerely,

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