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Bradley,

I would like to point out the addition of a fuel station and travel center in Easton with parking for multiple tractor trailers will adversely impact Fire and EMS, we are strictly a volunteer department, we come from home for all calls. The additional traffic on Sparks road that already gets blocked when the freeway closes will be detrimental to the tax payers of Easton. We currently have 1 structure engine and 1 water tender. The additional traffic of multiple tractor trailers hauling anything from inert cargo to very dangerous and flammable material with our small volunteer base is unfair. Our capabilities will be far outmatched with our single engine and single tender and single aid car out of our small volunteer station. I would like to request that there is a fair amount of mitigation or a mitigation meeting be held with the Commisioners of Kittitas County Fire District 3 to discuss possible solitions. This development will destroy the way of life for the residents of the small community of Easton that already has minimal law enforcement presence and when it snows or the freeway closes we are basically on our own because all of the traffic, with this travel center it will create more of a blocking traffic headache.

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