

## Bradley Gasawski

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As a concerned member of the Easton community, I strongly oppose this project for the following reasons:

### Traffic & Concurrency Failure:

The traffic study submitted by the applicant is outdated and significantly underestimates vehicle trips—by nearly 100%, according to an independent review. Current data shows failing Levels of Service (LOS D/F) at the I-90 Eastbound Ramps. This means the project clearly fails Kittitas County’s transportation concurrency requirements under current county code.

### Conflict with County’s Own Study:

This development is proposed at the precise location identified as a congestion hot spot in the County’s own STEER I-90 Feasibility Study. Approving it directly contradicts the County’s documented findings and efforts to address seasonal traffic bottlenecks.

### Environmental & Water Risks:

The site lies within a designated Critical Aquifer Recharge Area (CARA), just 1,200 feet from Lake Easton and 1,400 feet from Silver Creek. The inclusion of large underground fuel storage tanks and a Large On-Site Sewer System (LOSS) poses unacceptable risks to groundwater and nearby surface waters—threatening sensitive ecosystems and community drinking water sources. Additionally this proposal has provided no solution to proper disposal of snow contaminated with fuel and oil from accumulating on impermeable surfaces has been addressed to ensure that it does not melt and leak into ground unfiltered contaminating our community.

### Snow & Winter Safety Issues:

This area experiences heavy snowfall and hazardous winter driving conditions near Snoqualmie Pass. The addition of hundreds of daily truck and vehicle trips will only increase the likelihood of accidents, stranded vehicles, and severe delays, putting extra strain on already overburdened snow removal and safety operations.

### Emergency Services Strain:

Exit 70 and the surrounding road network cannot handle additional truck and tourist traffic safely. Increased congestion and turning movements will delay emergency response times for fire, medical, and

law enforcement services in a rural area that already has limited resources—particularly during peak summer and winter seasons. This area is serviced by a volunteer fire department, additional resources are at least 15 minutes away, in the event of a fire at this large of a fuel station at the only access to 1/2 of the community would leave 1/2 of the community stranded with no other access in or out.

Infrastructure & Community Impacts:

The project would accelerate wear and tear on local roads such as W Sparks Road and Lake Easton Road, while introducing continuous noise and light pollution. Beyond infrastructure stress, it would permanently alter the quiet, rural, and recreational character of Easton and the nearby Lake Easton State Park—impacting residents, visitors, and the quality of life this community values. I have personally observed near similar truck stops (ie North Bend) where trucks routinely park on the shoulders of on/off ramps to avoid paying for parking, this inhibits local residents and emergency vehicles from using the shoulder to be able to bypass the stalled traffic and access the exit to return home or tend to an emergency. As a mom to two young boys, we choose to move our family from the metropolitan area so they could grow up in a community where they could ride their bicycles to Grandma's house, the lake, a friend's house, or the local store to grab a snack. Allowing the travel center would rob my children of this opportunity as I would no longer feel safe letting them travel past the proposed travel center and increased traffic.

In short, this proposal is incompatible with local conditions, county planning goals, and the health, safety, well being, and goals of our community. Easton deserves responsible development that protects our environment, our infrastructure, our way of life, and our children.

Best regards, Megan Davidson Easton Resident 206-794-6104