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**Subject:** Truck Strategy and the Comp Plan

To whom it may concern with BPS,

I have been reading through the Comp Plan and would like to find the correct way to comment. I've described the issue that has really driven me to take a look at the plan, below.

I live on North Lombard, north of St. Louis Street, in St. Johns. It is a major truck route for trucks going to the Port. The impacts of living on a small street that is a major truck route (and getting more intense, I've heard) is continually difficult and dangerous. I believe that there are better solutions than running this amount of trucks on this small scale street. As all of the trucks are going to the Port, I believe the Port should be more responsible for, and attentive to their neighbors - people like me who have to deal with the impacts of the trucks servicing the Port. I would like to see the process continue to try to work with the Port and other stakeholders to find and make happen a better solution. It may be down the road, but we need to move towards it.

I would like to "file a complaint" and have my comments recorded on public record. I am encouraging my neighbors to do so, as well. I appreciate the process that the City went through to come to a "solution" regarding trucks going to the Port. However, this street is not an appropriate street for trucks to drive down on a daily basis. It is a health and safety issue, both in the short term (trucks causing damage and risk daily), and the long term (carcinogens are spewed directly on our homes and in our windows).

I talked with neighbors this weekend and of the three that I talked to I heard these three stories:

1. One neighbor who lives near the intersection of Lombard and St. Johns Ave, had his car was hit by a truck that drove away. The damage cost him 4000 dollars. His wife said she has seen numerous crashes between semi trucks, including one where debris slid into her driveway and front yard.
2. One woman said her son doesn't sleep through the night because the traffic gets so loud in the early morning. She believes the trucks speed down the road faster than speed limits allow. She has also had her rear view mirror taken off by trucks.
3. One woman, who has four children, said that the diesel fumes scare her. She ran her finger down the handrail on her porch which was covered in a fine, black dust. She does not leave her street side windows open in the summer. She thinks it's a health risk to her family.

In reading through the information online, I do not completely understand why Lombard was chosen over the wider and more truck-appropriate St. Louis and Fessenden. Or how finding an alternate route along the already heavily industrial river front was not a better solution. Can you please tell me what the decision making reasons were?

I believe the Port and the City need to re-address this issue as soon as possible. I realize that access to the Port is important, however I believe that there is a better solution than a tight, small street without a wide buffer or right-of-way, lined with residences.

Thank you,

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