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I have lived in Rivercliff Estates condos since 1999, which is right across NE 148th from where the Van Buren's beautiful home will be demolished and the Castlegate Ghetto will be built. I can't believe how crowded the blueprint looks. No room for trees or anything. *(Please don't let them cut down the grand old chestnut tree too - is nothing sacred anymore? It just wants to live, along with the hundreds of daffodil bulbs in the ground underneath it.)*

There doesn't seem to be any visitor parking in the ghetto plan, and even the insufficient regular parking will overflow onto Rose Parkway on the Argay side *(have you seen how many houses have gone up for sale there?!)*, and onto the #23 bus stop and Rose Parkway between the condos on the Wilkes side of 148th. It's going to be a noisy slum with lots of crime and people dashing on foot across 148th with no crosswalk or sidewalks.

Regarding 148th, it's russian roulette every time I try to turn left from Rose Parkway. My former roommate got his car totaled there. My neighbor got rear-ended by a car flying over the blind hill. These things are the tip of the iceberg. That hill - it's got to be leveled out a bit, before someone dies.

NE 148th between Glisan and I-84 is a nice 4-lane road plus a center shared turn lane, sidewalks and bike lane. Too bad the railroad built such a narrow bridge, so the road HAS to narrow down to two lanes there. But there is PLENTY of land north of the RR bridge along 148th between I-84 and Sandy to continue with the center turn lane and have sidewalks & bike lane. Not enough room for five lanes, but at least we could have three. How wonderful it would be for all of us who have to run the dangerous gauntlet every day in order to turn left from the numerous cross streets and driveways.

Thank you.

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