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House Bill 2138

I oppose this measure as it will continue to degrade the smaller communities of Oregon and their livability.

Without mandatory infrastructure update guidelines for any kind of housing development approvals; which have already occurred and will continue to occur, effect the livability and citizen pedestrian safety due to increased un-managed / un-planned traffic increases.

As the population density increases without a planned infrastructure update that can manage these changes; roadways in North Albany & (North Albany Benton County) will become even more dangerous then they already have become.

On Scenic Dr in North Albany, the road speeds totally exceed the Oregon Basic Rule: Pedestrians, Recreators, Kids, Seniors, Bicyclist, Joggers, Pets and Wildlife face death everyday on Scenic Dr Where is our roadway PUBLIC SAFTEY and Common Sense in creating safe pedestrian speed zones ?

Benton County has only added to the problem by not questioning the mis-interpreted/and non-relevant traffic studies conducted by Benton County and approved by ODOT as it relates to citizen pedestrian safety..... apparently Oregon's Basic Rule was not even considered in ODOTS speed analysis / establishment study for Scenic Drive.

ODOT's traffic studies are outdated and not relevant to the real life reality of the situations on Scenic Dr (Oregon's Basic Rule), and yet these traffic regulations have been put in place.....

and any objections to these traffic rules have resulted in bullying and intimidation by the Benton County Commissioners (Pat Malone). We deserve more from our elected public officials and Benton County employees.

The citizens who live on Scenic Dr in North Albany & Scenic Dr Benton County, are very concerned with the current lack of traffic safety and enforcement.

Speed cameras placed on Scenic Dr in North Albany would greatly reduce the flagrant abuse of pedestrian traffic safety..... and help supplement the Police and

Sheriff's ability to have a continues presence (currently none), to finally control the dangerous traffic conditions on Scenic Dr as the population and vehicle traffic increases with the purposed housing changes in House Bill 2138.

House Bill 2138 must not pass, until mandated updated infrastructures are passed simultaneously, which can help ensure the establishment of pedestrian roadway safety. (which is currently non-existent) in North Albany & Benton County Scenic Dr.

Thank you