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Attention:

Ken Mann, Chairman  
Whatcom county Planning Commission  
5280 Northwest Dr  
Bellingham, Wa 98226

Dear Sir:

I would like to comment on the traffic analysis studies that have been done for the Foothills Sub Area Plan. Specifically the use of the TIA from the Balfour Village Developers who picked a low seasonal traffic flow date, for one a day 2 hour time period, for their study. It was included in the Sub Area traffic analysis. I would urge the council to include the use of the analysis and all of the traffic counts of the Independent Traffic Report by the Tilghman Group because the county traffic report did not comment of this April 2008 independent report analysis that was submitted in a timely manner. The Sub Area traffic analysis did not address seasonal, weekend, or AM variation in traffic flow. It did not look at State or county highways or Carrying Capacity for determining Level of Service, it only looked at intersections. It did not include WSDOT comments on lack of available financing for mitigation.

The inaccuracies of this underestimated traffic will dramatically effect the residence of Dewey Valley from the HWY 542, Van Wyc intersection, south on the Dewey Rd to the East Bakerview, do to the fact it has become an alternative route to the North side of Bellingham for traffic traveling West on HWY 542

In conclusion I support Alternative 3 (LAMIRDS) in he final report which will help preserve the rural character of Whatcom County.

Sincerely

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