

Dear Mayor and Council,

My family and I have resided in Emerald Estates, Whistler, for about 12 years. We've struggled with the lack of safe crossings at both north and south entrances to Emerald. We regularly cross to access the lake and Valley Trail. We are the ONLY neighborhood in Whistler without safe access to the Valley Trail. Despite the 60 km/hr speed limit, cars travel well above the posted speed limit. It seems that once drivers pass Rainbow, they feel license to pick up speed because they know there are no more lights or stop signs until Pemberton; I say this because I have been guilty of it-increasing my speed-until I had kids and realized what a ridiculous driver I was being.

As a neighborhood, we all patiently waited through the traffic back ups while the highway was improved and replaced this summer, all the while hoping and praying that, within the improvement plan, we would be granted some sort of safe crossing-a traffic light, a crosswalk light, heck, even just some hatch marks on the highway! Something (anything!) so we didn't have to play chicken to access the lake and Valley Trail system any longer. But, sadly, there was no change despite our letters, phone calls, begging and cajoling of council, our government representatives and highway personnel. What a disappointment.

Please, Mayor Crompton and council members, if there is anything you can do to further our cause, please consider it. If there is someone else that needs to hear from us residents, do let me know. As a neighborhood, we are motivated and itching for change at our entrances.

Many thanks for considering our request.

Best regards,
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