

Lisa Clausen

From: Council
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 4:28 PM
To: 'Deana'
Subject: RE: Traffic Signal 148th/Hwy 518

Thank you for your correspondence. It will be forwarded to the Public Works Department and be included in the Correspondence for the Record for the next City Council meeting.

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Burien City Manager's Office

From: Deana [mailto:purrball@nwlink.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2009 4:53 PM
To: Council
Subject: Traffic Signal 148th/Hwy 518

Dear Burien City Council Members,

I realize what I am about to tell you is probably a DOT problem and not yours but I want you to know the frustration some of us felt today, and since it involves the new traffic lanes and traffic signals installed due to the new 1st Ave project, I feel the City Council should hear me out.

I am writing to advise you today I was at the intersection of 148th and 1st Ave S in the southbound lane turning left onto 148th/Hwy 518 to head east. The timing of the lights at this intersection are improperly set. I was only the third car in line to turn left and had to wait through two signal rotations because once the eastbound traffic on 148th goes through the light, their next traffic signal to Hwy 518 is red, which left my turn lane traffic no where to go, some cars ended up blocking the intersection, blocking the northbound 1st Ave traffic. In the second rotation, I ended up being one of those blocking along with the car behind me (only two cars may get through this light if at all). The only reason I proceeded was the first light on Hwy 518 had finally turned green and we should have made it through the intersection, but apparently the left turn arrow doesn't stay green for longer than 5 seconds and then the northbound traffic is ready to hit us.

As I was blocking the intersection waiting for the next traffic light on Hwy 518 to turn green, I was reprimanded by a police officer on his microphone, who was headed back to the precinct, to not block traffic in an intersection!!!! I looked at him and shrugged my shoulders and pointed to the non-moving traffic ahead of me, by now the light had turned green and cars are slow to progress to the next light on Hwy 518.

I'm hoping you can advise someone in the City to bring this problem to the attention of the proper authorities.

Thank you,

Deana Anderson

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