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Black Diamond City Council  
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Honorable Council Members,

The Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC) is a locally elected advisory body to the King County Council and serves many rural unincorporated residents in southeast King County. We have deep reservations regarding the adverse impacts on the Rural Area that two outsized Master Planned Developments (MPDs) proposed by Yarrow Bay in Black Diamond.

Over the past year we have voiced our many concerns of direct and indirect impacts on the Rural Area. However, our major concern remains the long-term impacts on our transportation infrastructure from such large developments located directly adjacent to the Rural Area. Our portion of southeast King County already has stressed transportation infrastructure. The GMVUAC has monitored traffic patterns and volumes in and around the greater Maple Valley area for decades. Our constituents remain highly concerned with increasingly clogged roads and inadequate options along our transportation corridors.

**We have a specific concern with your new Traffic Demand Model currently under development. The Issaquah-Hobart-Ravensdale-Black Diamond Road was not included in past traffic models (that informed the FEISs, MPD Applications, and MPD Ordinances Conditions of Approval), nor is it included in the new model you are having developed under contract to Parametrix.** We believe this is a gross oversight and strongly request you reconsider its inclusion in the model. As you are aware, many Black Diamond and Enumclaw residents use the **Issaquah-Hobart-Ravensdale-Black Diamond Road** every day to commute north to Issaquah, I-90, Bellevue, and Seattle.

Please give our request considered deliberation and expand your Traffic Model footprint to include the **Issaquah-Hobart-Ravensdale-Black Diamond Road**. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding our request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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