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Petition for Road Maintenance to Cease

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We the residents of North 35th & 36th streets on Bennett, do hereby petition for road improvements to be stopped. We ask that the street be maintained, as it currently is, with exceptions of the implementation of aprons on North 35th to Both Bennett and the alley, to the West of Bennett to deter water erosion. The said improvements would only increase the amount of traffic and turn-around since Bennett dead ends on North 37th Street. Currently, only a portion of this street is currently scheduled for improvement which would be of no real value. Since the We the residents were not notified of these improvements, until the stakes had been placed, we ask that the schedule work be reversed or delayed until further action may be allowed.

Sincerely,

Printed Name	Signed Name	Address
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TIM LIZBERG	<i>Tim Lizberg</i>	3508 N. BENNETT
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LARRY NESS	<i>Larry Ness</i>	3534 No Bennett
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PW-Admin

cc: legal

CMO

City Council

North Bennett Street at 35th Ave. Northward Towards 37th Ave.



Current street view



More than adequate right-of-way space for vehicles

North Bennett Street Between 35th and 37th Ave.



Valued Urban Neighborhood Green Spaces



Mature Landscaping Maintained For Over 51 Years

Bennett St. Between 35th and 37th Ave.



Current street view

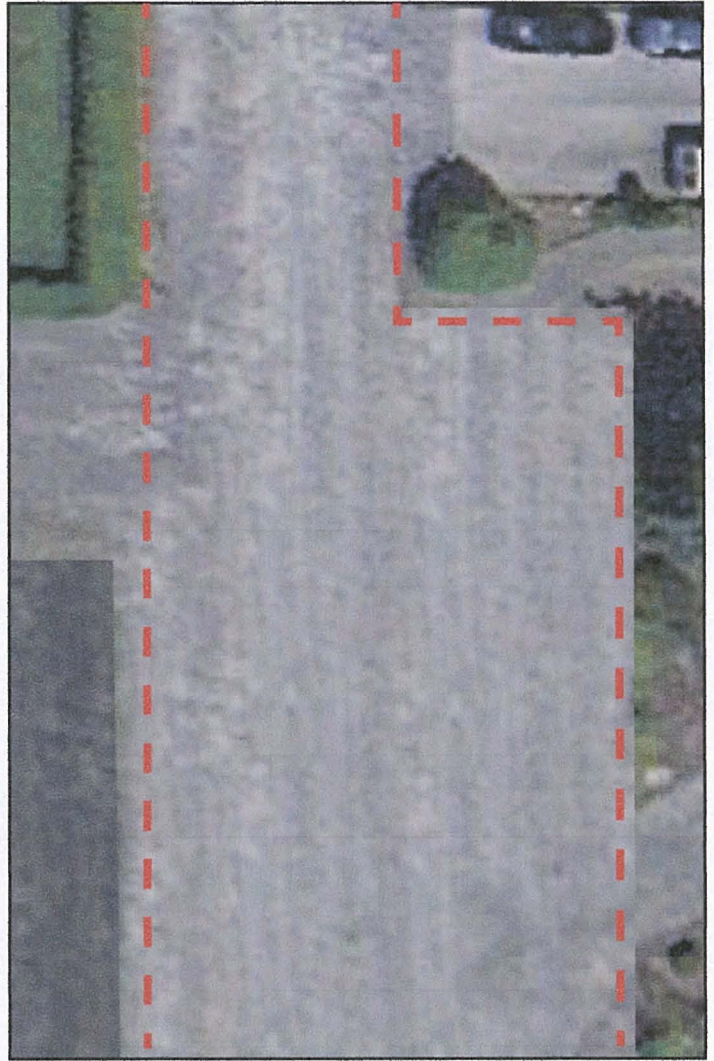


Planned Clearing Limits

**Section of North Bennett Street
Between 35th and 37th Ave.**



Current North Bennett Street
Right-of-Way



Abrupt End to City Planned Clearing Limits

November 30, 2013

Jim Harteau
Tacoma Municipal Building
Fourth Floor
747 Market Street
Tacoma, WA 98402

Mr. Harteau,

We are writing in opposition to the road improvements scheduled for North Bennett Street between North 35th and 37th streets.

The residents affected by these improvements were never notified and were not allowed any input as to what could or should be done. The "improvement" which only involves widening and graveling only half way down the street has no real value. These improvements came about when two new houses were built however, as we mentioned, we were never asked if we wanted those improvements. It was mentioned that the need for widening the street was due to emergency vehicles however, since the street is not being widened the complete length of said street and dead-ends on 37th this improvement would be ineffective since the vehicles would still need to back out.

The residents on this street enjoy the privacy of this area. By widening; it would increase traffic and cause the need for more cars to turn around at the dead end to return to 35th. We are happy with the road the way it is and would rather see the money used to create better aprons on 35th and the alley to the west. By doing so the runoff from rains should be dispersed in a different manner to avoid flooding in the homes below. We would also like to see the street graveled and grated, in its present state, once a year.

Please reconsider per our petition of all the residents and leave North 35th - 37th of Bennett as it is.

Thank you,

Ronald and Deannia Kirkevold
Arthur V. Miller
3511 N Bennett St
Tacoma, WA 98407

December 1, 2013

City of Tacoma
747 Market Street
Tacoma, WA 98402

RE: N. 35th and Bennett street "improvements"

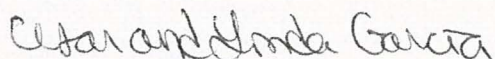
To Whom It May Concern:

We the residents/homeowners of 3519 N. Bennett are opposed to the suggested road improvements on N. Bennett between N. 35th and N. 37th. We are surprised to learn of the intended widening of a portion of our dead end street. We were not notified of these changes by anyone other than a neighbor, which makes me question whether proper procedures have been followed in initiating these "improvements". When we built our home around the year 2000, our builder was in regular communication with city planners. Then the homeowners on our street were included in a conversation that led to the signing of an agreement with the city, stating we were waiving road improvements at that time. We were told that the agreement would be binding until we requested changes in writing.

From what I am being told, the current road widening would only be for ½ of our dead end street, which is completely illogical, dangerous and confusing to drivers. There will be increased potential for drainage hazards for the properties below the intended "improvements" since the properties will not line up and will not be equally equipped. There will most likely be a new safety hazard for my property in particular, as cars driving too quickly will suddenly come upon the ending of a partially widened road, only to crash into my vehicles or hit my children if they are in the driveway.

After this, there are no additional empty lots to be built on in this area, and I have heard that the land at the end of our dead end is protected from being built on. If that is accurate, this section of Bennett will never be made a through road. Currently the road is functioning as it should. The city officials and the affected homeowners should come together to discuss what kinds of improvements would be practical given the unique circumstances that exist here. Please delay any action until that conversation can take place.

Sincerely,



Cesar and Linda Garcia

3519 N. Bennett
Tacoma, WA 98407
253-752-9727

December 1, 2013

City of Tacoma
747 Market Street
Tacoma, WA 98402

RE: North Bennett Street, Tacoma

To all parties concerned,

I have been a resident at 3515 North Bennett Street in Tacoma for over 10 years. It has come to my attention that the City of Tacoma is planning a street excavation and widening on Bennett Street from 35th Avenue northward half way down the block towards 37th. Neither I nor my neighbors have been officially notified of this plan. No signs or any other forms of notification have been presented to the residents of this block.

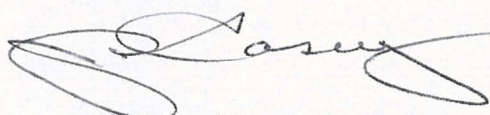
North Bennett Street between 35th and 37th is a dead end. The planned widening of Bennett would abruptly end without any apparent reason or functionality, creating a visual blind spot in the street and potentially hazardous traffic situation. Widening Bennett Street would also encourage additional traffic from motorists mistaking North Bennett as a thoroughfare northward.

In addition and perhaps saddest, this planned street widening would destroy some very valued neighborhood green spaces and mature trees we all cherish. The area in front of my property has been lovingly maintained by myself and former residents of my home for over 51 years. The destruction of this green space and the others would be very detrimental to our neighborhood's aesthetic quality. These green spaces also encourage slower traffic speeds and give my children and several other neighborhood children a safe place to play.

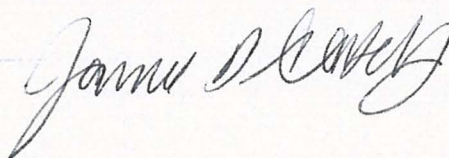
In my opinion, the current width and right-of-way area of Bennett Street between 35th and 37th Avenues is more than sufficient as a two-lane street. The City of Tacoma can make far more efficient improvements at the corner of 35th and Bennett Street without widening our street. The City of Tacoma could also make far more meaningful road improvements elsewhere in the city.

The residents along Bennett Street deserve an open dialogue with city planners to recommend alternative types of street improvements.

Respectfully,



Joshua and Jamie Casey



3515 North Bennett Street
Tacoma, WA 98407
(253) 278-2103



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Greetings,

I would like to make you aware of an issue that has arisen on North 35th and Bennett.

Recently we had two new houses built on our street which make us a total of 12 homes now between 35th and 37th. The road on Bennett dead ends at 37th and we the residents like it this way. We built our homes on this little deadend gravelled road for the peace and quite it affords us. With the building of the two new homes. The city, **without posting or advising us** has decided that we need "improvements" so early last week came in an staked from North 35th to just the middle of the block. When we saw the stakes we started asking questions to find out their plan was to widen from 35th to just the north property line of the 2nd new house built and then to allow the road to be narrowed again and gravel. REDICULOUS!!!! We we found out, we made calls to the city. I spoke with Josh Diekmann who forwarded me to Sam Lawrence who sent me back to Josh Diekmann. Josh indicated that he would be out to check on the issue. This past Wednesday I was returning home around 1:30 to find a truck from the city. I approached the gentlemen and asked of one of them was Josh. One of them replied that they were not. As I spoke with them I found out that the road "improvements" were scheduled to being this coming Wednesday, December 4th. and that I had not been talking to the right person at all. The person I should have been talking to is Sam Harteau. I tried to reach Mr. Harteau but by 2:30 he had left for the day and of course the rest of the week was the holiday.

We began a petition of the neighbors to stop this project. It had been mentioned that the widening was so emergency vehicles could turn around but if they have to answer a call at the end of the street, which is a dead end, the will have to back out since it is not to be "improved" and even with said "improvements" they would need ot back out. Every resident has signed the petition. WE DO NOT WANT THESE "IMPROVEMENTS". What we would rather see are improvements made to the aprons at 35th and the alley to the west so that rain runoff will not flood the street, alley and homes on the down side. We would also like the city to grade and gravel our road once a year.

We have petition and letters in hand and will be delivering them in person to Mr. Harteau's office on Monday morning along with copies to the City Manager and Mayor. If there is anything or anybody that can help us in this matter we would very much appreciate their efforts.

I'm sure it is not often that people are asking for "improvements" to be stopped but this is one community that is.

I may be reached at: 381-4102 - cell or 571-1030 - work

Sincerely,

Deannia Kirkevold
3511 N Bennett St.

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12-1-13

To Whom It May Concern with City of Tacoma

This letter is being written in regards to the changes that we have only been told by neighbors that will effect the alley that runs along our property line.

Our address.

5315 No 35th

Tacoma, WA 98407

We have lived here for 38 years.

The changes we have been told is to change our alley from a 1 way to a 2 way alley. If this is so we ask that you reconsider this action for the reasons below.

1. we were never given any notice officially that this is going to happen. No letter from city given us notice.

2. Our environment and property would be effected. Trees and shrubs that have been with us would be taken away. These trees and shrubs have provided us with a

buffer of dust and noise.

3. The speed of cars going up and down the alley would change making the safety for people and pets more hazardous.

4. Will the city be giving us more maintenance on the alley than they have before, if this takes place.

With the budget and other streets needing more attention than our alley we doubt that this would happen.

For the above reasons and many others we ask that our alley stay a one way alley. If it is to be changed we ask that we have a meeting with the city and our neighbors so that we all can be informed. The thought of us going to work in the morning and coming home in the evening finding major changes to our property line would be devastating to us.

Ken and Peggy Swadlow (Sincerely),

5315 No 35th
Tacoma WA 98407

Ken and Peggy Swadlow

Hello,

I'm Linda Casey and I'm 9 years old. My sister Lydia's 5. We like to play in the round about and on the Big white rock.

We've lived here all our life. And it's sad to know that your going to cut Down all these trees were me and my sister play.

Please Don't cut Down these trees, They mean a lot to me and my family.

Sincerely,

Linda Casey



my little sister: ~~LYDIA~~ LYDIA