

Letter in Opposition to ZC 13-14B
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The North Capitol St/Evarts St traffic problem continues to be a major unresolved issue. Residents of the neighborhood know that there is some level of traffic on North Capitol St around the clock. At rush hour, it's bumper-to-bumper traffic. It is difficult to imagine having a grocery store thrown in the mix, but it would certainly only complicate things. Since the area is accessible only by a few bus lines and no other public transportation, it's likely most grocery shoppers would drive. Furthermore, Harris Teeter's AM deliveries seem to come at about the worst time for traffic in the area; blocking the street for even 20 seconds would create a huge traffic back up (with the nonstop traffic, you should see how hard it is to cross the street as a pedestrian!). It doesn't take a traffic engineer to realize the new proposed design for the Evarts St loading area of the Harris Teeter is insufficient to address the quagmire that would be created by the presence of the grocery store.

The transportation statement understates the traffic disaster that will be created by loading in and out of this grocery store in the proposed manner; the only thing that will be ensured by the proposed plan is that traffic will get even worse in an area that is hectic at best, dangerous at worst.

I urge you to reconsider and deny the approval for zoning changes. If a store is going to be there, we need some more creativity to come up with a real solution for the problems that will be created. Since this proposed solution is not satisfactory, Jarr Lynch must do better or not do it at all.