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FW: Proposed West Island Mailbox location

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Dear Postmaster Keyonia McCall.

I am writing to inquire about discussions from Facebook and West Island Improvement Association regarding relocation of the current mailbox locations on West Island. I have been hearing many rumors about the boxes being relocated, but I am now getting concerned as I can see a location that is currently being marked on Fir Street. I would like to get confirmation that this is the location as I have not seen any formal statements regarding this. Is there a process that the postal service or some other government agency uses to discuss this matter with the residents that use the postal service mailboxes?

I do have concerns regarding the placement of all the boxes in a single location. Fir Street is not one of the wider roads and placing all of the boxes on a corner immediately after the intersection is going to create traffic that had not been planned for when the road was recently paved. Causeway Road allows the passage wide enough for three vehicles, whereas Fir Street allows two vehicles. This road already deals with the traffic and parking associated with the State Reservation. Right now, it is simple for me to come down Causeway Road, get to my mailbox and turn down Balsam to continue my journey home. If the boxes were to be placed on Fir Street, I would have to go to the end of Causeway, turn down Fir Street and either back up or continue down Fir Street, make a left on a side Street, cross over Causeway and continue down to my Street. More traffic and more driving, which uses more fuel and wear and tear on vehicles, the roads and more congestion on more roads.

Fir Street also deals with the tankers that pump from the Sewerage plant on Fir Street. The Semi-trucks currently use this location to back up their vehicles into the facility. Has the Fairhaven BPW highway, water and sewer departments been included in the discussions to relocate the mailboxes? They are familiar with the road widths and the issues associated with the unpaved roads.

I have heard the grumbling that several people have been unhappy with the current mailbox locations that have serviced our island for well over 30 years without issues. Recent property development on the island is probably instigating these changes, but I am not sure that is the majority of the people currently using the existing mailboxes. The West Island Improvement Association recently had their monthly meeting, and the issue of the mailboxes relocation came up. With over 40 people in attendance, the vast majority, if not all in attendance was against moving the mailboxes.

I am surprised that this process can be this far along with only a select few seeming to be informed. If there is a way that information may be shared to update the islanders and make sure that this is a change is really necessary and of benefit to most the residents on the island.

We have the West Island Association which has always been a great vehicle for sharing information and communicating with islanders, but even they have not been informed of the proposed mailbox locations.

Any information you or someone who is making this decision is greatly appreciated.

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