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I currently live on a private road (Plum Hill lane) in unincorporated Washington County. It's been brought to my attention the city of Forest Grove has plans to convert our road into a connector road to Thatcher from a new road that will connect Purdin Road to David Hill road.

I strongly oppose this plan to convert our road. One of our vineyards is located along Plum Hill lane and increased traffic will pose a safety concern to me and my employees. Currently, when we spray the vineyard we use the road as a turnaround point so we enter the road at least 33 + times as we turn around at the end of each row. We spray the vineyard every 10 days from around March or April until September /October and increased road traffic will be problematic.

During harvest, we place the picking totes on the road as we fill them up. This would block all traffic from passing on the road for most of a day. Currently, the spraying and harvest is not an issue because the traffic originates in only one other house and they are very cognizant of the hazards associated with tractors coming in and out of the vineyard.

In summary, I am concerned that conversion of our road to connector status will jeopardize our farming operation and put lives to risk.

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