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COUNCILMEMBER RANDY REVELLE: Bob Santos.

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ROBERT "BOB" SANTOS: Bob Santos, ummm, Director of the International District Improvement Association, 627 South Jackson Street. Uh, I just have a short statement here I'd like to read.

Interim is in support of the basic recommendations regarding the transportation and parking strategies prepared by GHK and Associates. However, Interim...

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...is opposed to the GHK's proposal to have Jackson Street used for egress and ingress during domed stadium events. The International District, as a commercial business area, will be detrimentally impacted by the traffic congestion resulting from stadium events. Prime time for patronage of the International District businesses, also coincides with the expected prevent traffic on weekends. Interim feels that this congestion will act as a deterrent to regular patrons of the International District businesses, thus cutting off important revenues.

In addition, those businesses located on Jackson Street require the parking spaces for them to function normally. The International District must also be recognized...as a unique residential community of seventeen hundred persons. Jackson Street as an access to and from the stadium will cut through the middle of this community, imposing difficulty for the residents. The community is composed of primarily low-income elderly, whose normal lives will be disrupted by additional traffic, resulting in the noise and air pollution and restriction of--of activities. Therefore, Interim strongly urges that Jackson Street be used for local access only, allowing commercial vehicles to reach destinations in the International District, Pioneer Square and the--and in the industrial areas of south, east, and west of the stadium. Jackson Street, normally being used as a major arterial for ambulances and, uh, fire engines and other emergency vehicles, should remain uncongested to--to facilitate easy access to the residences of the ID, uh, International District, as well as possible entries in and near the stadium. Fire station on 2nd and Main, as well as ambulances and many flood units, from First Hill use Jackson Street where emergency services to the International District and back again, uh, to the Pioneer Square areas. This access should remain open which is not feasible when Jackson Street is congestion--congested with stadium traffic. It is imperative that parking not be prohibited on Jackson Street. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RANDY REVELLE: Thank you, Bob.