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The City of Carnation continues to be concerned and alarmed about the number of accidents at Tolt Hill Road and SR 203, specifically at mile post 5.20. This four way section of SR 203 has poor visibility, uneven grading and it is heavily used by vehicles leaving and entering Carnation. The State of Washington is responsible for SR 203 while King County is responsible for Tolt Hill Road. The City of Carnation has been in communication with both Washington Department of Transportation and King County Roads to persuade them to prioritize improvements to this intersection located south of the City limits.

On Sunday August 12, 2023, mile post 5.20 was once again impacted by a vehicle coalition. At around 5:05 p.m. two vehicles collided at this intersection. It is unclear if there are fatalities or injuries. This is the third such incident in the month of August. There have been five incidents in the last four months; three of those accidents took place in the last week. The City of Carnation has asked the State of Washington for incident data to further document what many residents in Carnation already know: lack of road improvements will lead to loss of life.

“Clearly there is a problem at Tolt Hill Road and SR 203; this pattern is not new. From last weekend until today, there have been three accidents. This level of incidents should have made this intersection a priority for WSDOT and King County. We hope that with Senator Hawkins’ advocacy, both State and County resources will be invested in solutions” said Tim Harris and Dustin Green, City County Streets and Utilities Committee members.

On August 17, 2023 Senator Brad Hawkins has convened a meeting with both King County and WDOT as well as many other stakeholders that can influence making this dangerous intersection a priority at the State and County levels. “Senator Hawkins’ leadership may move the needle on this dangerous intersection; the City will continue to inform the press each time that there is an accident at mile post 5.20” Said Mayor Jim Ribail.

The City of Carnation has no oversight over the affected roads. The City of Carnation residents however, are the ones who witness or experience these incidents and for years have asked for a solution. The City Manager’s Office will release press releases every time there is an incident.

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