

Welcome to 228th in Esperance

Harry George, Esperance resident since 1959

If you live in Esperance,

You already know 228th is a residential street. The speed limit is 25mph, but we slow down below that for walkers, joggers, parents with baby strollers, bicyclists, skateboarders, kids playing ball, and neighbors standing in the street chatting.

You also know that Esperance has historically been a green-belt community. Non-local traffic on 228th is jeopardizing that.

If you don't live in Esperance,

228th is not a shortcut from one part of Edmonds to another. Please consider using one of the fine tax-payer (state, county, city) funded high-speed East-West thoroughfares

- Hwy 99... 220th ... 95th (residential)... Edmonds Way
- Hwy 99... 220th ... 9th... Edmonds Way
- Hwy 99... 238th ... Edmonds Way

While some folks in Edmonds want Esperance 228th to become a thoroughfare like 196th, 204th, 212th, and 220th here are some alternatives:

- **Go around.** See above. This is the best solution. Face it, you wouldn't be speeding through Esperance unless you thought your time was more valuable than the lives of Esperance residents. Really? Is that your best behavior on Sunday morning?
- **Traffic Calming.** <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/502/Neighborhood-Traffic-Calming-Program> Neighborhood-based. But it sometimes is manipulated to fit the plans of non-locals, so must be wary. Edmonds has already proven itself an untrustworthy neighbor.
- **Underground.** Mercer Island insisted I-520 be under-grounded so it would not impact local quality of life. We all paid for it (federal and state funds). Could do same for Esperance 228th, and make it a park on top. But the construction phase would kill the neighborhood.
- **Overpass.** Provide a pedestrian overpass every block. Expensive and chews up a lot of the neighborhood. Non-local traffic would still be too fast.