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Hi Karen,

I try to avoid Reed Market during the day when travelling from west <--> east due to the train and never knowing when it may hold things up. I work for the Bend La Pine Schools and travel to many schools on any given day.

Today I had to drive from Elk Meadow to Buckingham and decided to pick up Reed Market at American Lane. What a mistake! A very slow moving train was blocking everything!

Fortunately I was able to squeeze to the left to finally make a left turn and go down Reed Market to 3rd St. as had many others.

When I got to 3rd St. the traffic was already starting to back up crossing 3rd. and going east on Reed Market Rd. What a dangerous situation! Not to mention that there would never be a chance for any emergency vehicle to pass through. They, like me, would have to figure out an alternate route.

As it ended up, I could have bicycled between these two schools - a distance of 9 miles - faster than I ended up driving ...

I know this situation has been ongoing for years - why has nothing ever been done? Have there ever been any feasibility studies done? I do not comprehend why millions were spent to improve the Reed Market corridor only to make it inaccessible or not used due to the train.

Thank you,  
Leslie Veenstra