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## By blocking I-66, activist Peter Craig loosed traffic on Arlington neighborhoods

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In their Dec. 28 letter ["[Putting the brakes on highway construction](#)"], B. Audrey Clement and John Reeder applauded activist [Peter Craig's effort to prevent Interstate 66's expansion](#) from its four lanes through Arlington's neighborhoods and parklands. But they didn't note that the traffic an expanded I-66 could have carried instead makes its way through the streets and neighborhoods of Arlington County.

Because this traffic wasn't channeled in a controlled fashion, commuters are left to look at maps and use their global positioning systems to find paths through residential streets not designed to carry the traffic now flowing through them.

The philosophy of "if you don't build it, they won't come" doesn't work. It results in unplanned and uncontrolled traffic, which is not the best outcome if one wants to keep one's neighborhoods and parklands safe and free of congestion.

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