

Traffic Safety and Congestion Concerns at San Martin Dr, University Pkwy, and W 39th St Intersection

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to bring attention to ongoing traffic flow and safety concerns at the intersection of **San Martin Drive, University Parkway, and West 39th Street**([Google Maps location here](#)).

At present, the traffic signal timing and configuration are not sufficient to allow vehicles traveling from San Martin Drive to safely and efficiently turn left onto University Parkway. The main issues are as follows:

- 1. Blocked Left Turns:**

Vehicles attempting to turn left from San Martin Drive are frequently prevented from doing so during the green light cycle because of heavy right-turning traffic from West 39th Street onto University Parkway. As a result, cars from San Martin Drive are often forced to wait until the yellow or even red light to clear the intersection, creating a safety hazard.

- 2. Lane Discipline from W 39th Street Traffic:**

Vehicles turning right from West 39th Street onto University Parkway often do not adhere to the two designated lanes that begin at that point. Many drivers immediately cut across the right lane into the left lane in order to quickly access the turning lane for West 40th Street. This behavior blocks vehicles attempting to turn left from San Martin Drive, compounding the traffic congestion.

- 3. Resulting Backups:**

These conditions cause significant backups on San Martin Drive, which also obstruct vehicles intending to go straight or turn right from that approach.

Suggested Solution:

The most straightforward improvement would be to adjust the traffic signal timing so that San Martin Drive and West 39th Street each receive their own dedicated green light phase. This would reduce conflict between the two approaches, allow vehicles to clear the intersection safely, and improve overall traffic flow.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I believe these adjustments would meaningfully improve both safety and efficiency at this busy intersection.

Sincerely,

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