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Protesters Urge Developers To Think 'Outside The Box'

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Protesters took to the streets Tuesday night to raise concerns that a proposed "big box store" could bring traffic and crime to a northeast Portland neighborhood.

Dozens of people from the Save Madison South and Save Roseway coalitions lined Northeast 82nd Avenue to show their opposition for what they fear will be an almost 200,000 square-foot Wal-Mart Supercenter store across from Madison High School.

Although the two coalitions don't have confirmation, they said the developer of the land has a strong relationship with the nation's largest retailer with approximately 120 out of 180 projects ending up a Wal-Mart.

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a hearing about the development on Oct. 1.

The Save Madison South and Save Roseway coalitions, made up of residents who are volunteering their time became active in early November 2006.

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According to the coalitions, the store would be open 24 hours and that could increase crime and traffic in their neighborhood, making an already dangerous thoroughfare even more treacherous.

"It's not that we're against them. It's just that we want something more appropriate for our neighborhood. If its something that enriches the community in such a way," said Dominique Roberts, who opposes the development.

Neighbors said they plan on getting big crowds to