

Agenda Item 1422

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**From:** Marianne Fitzgerald <fitzgerald.marianne@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 17, 2016 4:20 PM  
**To:** Hales, Mayor; Commissioner Novick; Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Saltzman; Council Clerk – Testimony  
**Cc:** Treat, Leah; Arlene M. Kimura (arlene.kimura@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** [User Approved] Council Item 1422 Vision Zero

Mayor Hales and Members of the Portland City Council:

I am very pleased that PBOT is moving forward to do something about the dangers of Outer Division Street as described in Item 1422.

However, I can't help but **recommend that PBOT move forward with installing automated speed cameras on SE Division** as they did on SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. It is a relatively cheap and very effective way of slowing drivers down.

<http://www.wweek.com/news/2016/11/23/portland-officials-begged-state-lawmakers-for-authority-to-erect-new-speed-cameras-they-installed-them-very-slowly/>

[http://www.oregonlive.com/commuting/index.ssf/2016/11/portland\\_speed\\_cameras\\_issuing.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/commuting/index.ssf/2016/11/portland_speed_cameras_issuing.html)

I hope these automated speed cameras are at least a part of the extensive dialogue planned in the staff report, but I didn't see it in the staff report.

PBOT did not conduct this extensive and expensive dialogue prior to the installation of the camera on SW Beaverton Hillsdale Highway. PBOT installed it, provided publicity, education and an amnesty period, and enforced it. The automated speed cameras have resulted in fewer tickets because fewer people are speeding.

Please use the most effective tools to improve safety as quickly as possible in this very dangerous area of East Portland.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Lori Boisen <divisionmidwayalliance@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 21, 2016 10:04 AM  
**To:** Council Clerk – Testimony; Hales, Mayor; Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Fish; Novick, Steve; Commissioner Saltzman  
**Cc:** Connor Riggs; DeKlyen, Dana; Dawn Luethe; Fleck-Rosete, Amy; Rick Bartko; Trevor Hopper  
**Subject:** Approve the Outer SE Division Near-Term Safety Strategy

December 21, 2016

Council Clerk, Room 130

Honorable Charlie Hales, Mayor

Honorable City Council Commissioners

1221 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Portland, OR 97204

RE: Outer SE Division Near-Term Safety Strategy

Dear Mayor Hales and Commissioners:

Division Midway Alliance is writing to strongly urge the Council to approve the Outer SE Division Near-Term Safety Strategy, which is currently under consideration.

As you know, DMA's district boundaries are from 117<sup>th</sup> to 148<sup>th</sup> Avenues and the largest percentage of fatalities this year have occurred in DMA's district. While all pedestrian fatalities impact the community, DMA staff, volunteers and board members have personally felt the impacts of recent fatalities in and around the district. Damon Burton, who was struck near 122<sup>nd</sup> and Division in September, was a tenant of DMA's President. Myit Ew, the most recent fatality at 156<sup>th</sup> & Division, frequented DMA's Myanmar Community Office Hours. The Outer SE Division Near-Term Safety Strategy is a good start to the needed safety improvements along Outer SE Division Street.

PBOT's recognition of the importance of pedestrian education in this area is essential to the success of this program. A large percentage of the residents living in and around DMA's district are immigrants, many of whom are refugees, and a large percentage of these residents are pedestrians. Navigating a seven lane road, which Division Street is considered in the Midway district, is difficult and dangerous. Further, understanding Oregon's pedestrian laws can be confusing for Americans, let alone residents who do not use English as a first language. Signage in language and 'in picture' will be essential to the success of this project. 'In picture' refers to using symbols to

explain pedestrian laws and recognizes that a significant number of people are immigrants and may not be literate in their own language, let alone English.

DMA is pleased to see that the strategy has basic infrastructure improvements such as additional crosswalks, sidewalks and speed cameras. As stated earlier, this is a good start toward achieving a Vision Zero for this area. However, DMA urges City Council to establish a longer term strategy that will change the landscape of Division Street. Division Street needs a road diet. Community has called out road safety as the number one issue impeding livability on Division Street, and Council has the power to address that.

DMA urges City Council to approve the Outer SE Division Near-Term Safety Strategy which will be a significant step towards creating a safer, more livable, Outer SE Division Street, and will aid the transformation of this part of Portland to a more livable city. DMA also urges City Council to prioritize a Long-Term Safety Strategy for Outer SE Division Street that will include a road diet that will aid in improving the livability of this part of Portland.

Regards,

Board of Directors & Staff

The Division Midway Alliance

cc: Division Midway Alliance Board of Directors

Dawn Luethe, Board President, Senior Community Manager, Hidden Court Apartments

Rick Bartko, Board Treasurer, Mill Park resident

Trevor Hopper, Mill Park Neighborhood Association President

Connor Riggs, Mount Hood Community College Student and Powellhurst Gilbert resident

Lori Boisen, Executive Director, Division Midway Alliance

All the best,

**Lori Boisen,**  
Division Midway Alliance

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