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Mr. Mayor, Commissioners and Auditor,

I live on SW 3rd Street and use the South Park, frequently. I, and my wife, also pass through it frequently to shop for groceries and go to the Art Museum and the Historical Society. The South Park Master Plan is an abomination; It will destroy what serves as a tranquil backyard for my family as well as the students of Portland State. It is about the only quiet place for us to sit downtown. The multi-use pathway would be a dangerous mistake. Just like the harbor wall path in Waterfront park has become, with speeding bikes, e-scooters and powered skateboards. It is a historical place for us; the Presidential Statues of Lincoln and Roosevelt should be restored. And as long as you have \$47 million to spend, perhaps the historical rose gardens could be replanted that were removed many years ago.

Growing up in Portland, these park blocks are an important part of my history. Please, keep the trees as they are, restore the statues, replant the Roses and do not build any high speed bike, e-scooter, skateboard path.

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