

Hello!

I wanted to submit a comment in exuberant support of the current transportation mode hierarchy (Policy 7.6: Green and Active Transportation Hierarchy). The only change I support is the strengthening of the hierarchy via the addition of "Safety" as the #1 ranking, as it effects all modes and is in line with our city's dedication to vision zero.

The hierarchy helps ensure access and safe mobility for our most vulnerable road users - a topic incredibly personally relevant to me. I deal daily with permanent injuries and financial disarray left over from a car-bike crash on NE Going St., where a car ran a stop sign into me. A close friend of mine is still fighting for her mobility following severe injuries sustained in a car-pedestrian crash on NE MLK Blvd - the car hitting her as she crossed the street in a designated crosswalk.

As medical practitioners, both of us have found it difficult to experience role reversal - accepting care as patients rather than providing it to those in need. We've both made the best of our situations, I've stayed positive, and I do whatever I can to prevent others from experiencing the same or worse hardships. I believe our streets matter, I believe in what our transportation system can be, and I believe we all ought to be a part of the discussion.

I am so appreciative of your work to protect vulnerable road users, and I am asking that you continue that commitment by upholding the hierarchy. It does more than direct funds - it helps save lives.

Thank you again, and keep up the good work!

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