

Project #90026: Capitol Highway Corridor Improvements

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I am writing to comment on the importance of this project:

Despite the muddy, ungraveled, treacherous footpath the length of SW Capitol Highway from SW Garden Home to SW Brugger Street, you can already witness the heavy foot traffic: our veterinarian with her two large dogs walking the mile down to Little Gabriel Park from her office, moms struggling with strollers, elders laboring unsteadily to go shopping at the excellent independent grocery store, Barbur World Foods.

Despite the nonexistent bike lanes and lane-wide trucks, many bicyclists are forced to share the narrow highway on their way south to PCC Sylvania or north to work downtown. The highway is heavily trafficked most hours of the day and many hours of the night as it is the only major north-south arterial serving Multnomah Village aside from SW Barbur Boulevard.

For NINETEEN YEARS we in Southwest have been promised sidewalks and bike lanes on that short, busy stretch of SW Capitol Highway, but the City has failed to so much as widen the asphalt shoulders outside the fog line.

The City That Works has failed to work for us.

When it's widely known that the federal government regularly redistributes back to municipalities grants of taxpayer dollars, it is unconscionable to Southwest residents and businesses that our City has done little more for us than dig up SW Multnomah Boulevard THREE TIMES.

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