

Dear PSC/TSP:

Hawthorne Blvd needs a road diet and a cycle track. One travel lane in each direction, from SE 12th to SE 50th (acknowledging it is already one lane in each direction from around SE 40th to SE 40th), should be sufficient to accommodate all automobile, bus, and truck traffic. On-street parking should be moved to be adjacent to a new curb, creating room between the sidewalk and the new curb for new cycle tracks on each side of the street. The businesses on Hawthorne were opposed to this sort of change the last time it was discussed a generation ago, in the 1990s. However, it is clear that this sort of change would be positive for Hawthorne, sending the message to visitors that cars are no longer the primary mode for accessing the corridor, and that users should slow down and celebrate the place along its entire length. The focus should be on placemaking and economic development, not throughput of as many automobiles as possible.

The road diet should be studied and a project for it created for inclusion in this TSP. Currently, the TSP includes no projects on Hawthorne. This must change.

Sincerely yours,
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