

March 13, 2015

To whom it may concern:

RE: Project #90026: Capitol Highway Corridor Improvement public comments.

As a long-time resident on this section of Capitol Highway, I would like to voice my concern that improvements to this section are woefully long overdue.

I drive, bike or walk Capitol Highway almost daily. The lack of a bike lane and sidewalk are perilously evident to anyone trying to navigate this stretch without the benefit of a motor vehicle. I fear it's a matter of time before a serious injury or fatality puts an unfortunate explanation-mark on the seriousness of this neglected but well-used highway. I know a neighbor who routinely walks her children in a stroller – she has to walk in the actual traffic lanes in particular sections because of the lack of shoulder or sidewalk. I've seen trucks and buses narrowly pass by her and her children. Sometimes this occurs in dark and rainy conditions.

Personally, I refrain from biking along Capitol Highway. I believe it's dangerous. With the lack of a proper shoulder or bike lane, there is not enough room to accommodate a high traffic volume, including a popular bus route. This makes it nearly impossible to maintain a safe buffer from vehicles while biking.

This project must not be continued to be curbed indefinitely. The Capitol Highway Corridor must be considered a priority.

Sincerely,

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