

From: PBOT Traffic Safety and Livability
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 10:53 AM
To: Will Marra <marra.will@gmail.com>; Molly Harding Marra <harding.molly@gmail.com>
Cc: Transportation System Plan <TSP@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: RE: SW 30th Safety Concerns

Dear Molly and Will,

Thank you for reaching out to 823-SAFE regarding your concerns about SW 30th Avenue.

SW 30th is one of many locations in the City of Portland that have identified substandard transportation facilities. Unfortunately, there is no funding identified for any improvements at this time, and any changes that would improve this area are outside of the budgetary ability of the Traffic Operations Division. There is an open request for enforcement for this area at the Police Bureau Traffic Division, which has been referred to an officer for response.

SW 30th between BH Hwy and Vermont St was identified in the 2007 Transportation System Plan (TSP) for improvements to bike and pedestrian facilities. The TSP is currently being updated and you can find information about that update and opportunities to be involved [here](#). If you have questions about the TSP Planning process or providing feedback, you can contact PBOT Transportation Planner & Public Involvement Specialist Francesca Patricolo at (503) 823-5282 or tsp@portlandoregon.gov.

I would also suggest that you contact your neighborhood association ([Hayhurst](#) or [Hillsdale](#)) or coalition ([SWNI](#)) to stay in touch on Transportation and other neighborhood issues.

Your interest in improving your neighborhood is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,
Eileen

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From: Will Marra [<mailto:marra.will@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 10:05 AM
To: PBOT Traffic Safety and Livability <safe@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: Re: SW 30th Safety Concerns

Hello,

I am emailing PBOT to express my concerns with the safety of the segment SW 30th Avenue between Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway and SW Vermont Street. I am a homeowner on SW Illinois Street between SW 30th and 32nd. I often take walks around our neighborhood with my family, including our almost 2 year old daughter. The majority of the roads we walk are very safe with either low traffic, sidewalks, or adequate measures to slow traffic in areas of pedestrian use. However, SW 30th is almost an unavoidable part of our walk, and it is always a danger.

One definite problem is the speed at which cars travel up and down the hill. The posted speed limit is 30mph with a very short segment of 15mph at the crest of a blind hill. It is very rare that cars slow down in that 15mph segment to drive safely enough to avoid an accident as they drive across the crest of the hill, unable to see traffic or pedestrians either above or below the hill. It is a very strong suggestion of mine and many of my neighbors that I have spoken with to take measures to reduce the speed on SW 30th between Vermont and BHH. This might include lowering the posted speed limits, increasing the length of the 15mph zone, and most effectively add speed bumps in the areas of higher pedestrian traffic.

The sidewalks are also very unorganized and disjointed. There is no continuous stretch of sidewalk the entire length of the road. Sometimes the sidewalk is on the left, sometimes the right, and sometimes there is no sidewalk at all. And most importantly, when the sidewalk switches to the other side of the road there are no crosswalks or even signs alerting cars of pedestrian traffic. This is a problem that I see every day as numerous people are using SW 30th to walk to bus stops on BHH or SW Vermont.

As a resident and taxpayer, I strongly suggest improvements to this segment of SW 30th Avenue in order to ensure pedestrian safety and provide the local community a way to feel safe while enjoying the wonderful neighborhood they chose to live in.

Will Marra

On Mon, Dec 28, 2015 at 8:33 AM, Molly Harding Marra <harding.molly@gmail.com> wrote:
To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the safety of SW 30th Ave between Beaverton Hillsdale Highway and Vermont/Capitol Hwy. We own a home on SW Illinois between 30th and 32nd. Because I work downtown, I frequently walk to the bus stop on the corner of 30th and Beaverton Hillsdale Highway. The only feasible walking route is down 30th.

On SW 30th, the sidewalks are noncontinuous and in places there is virtually no shoulder. There are no crosswalks to allow pedestrians to cross to and from the side of the street that has a partial crosswalk. Additionally, the traffic moves very quickly, particularly on the downhill (northbound) portion of the street. Due to the geography of the area, there are areas where both pedestrians and drivers are unable to see oncoming traffic until the approaching cars are quite close.

As a resident and taxpayer, I would like to see safety improvements on SW 30th Ave. I suggest these include continuous sidewalks and measures to slow down traffic (speed bumps, additional speed limit signs). Please contact me if there is a way I can help facilitate improved safety on SW 30th.

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