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**Subject:** [Approved Sender] TSP Testimony

To Whom It May Concern,

We're writing in support of NE 7th Ave being used for the Neighborhood Greenway project, and specifically in support of the amendment provided by Commissioner Novick (amendment to the TSP Major Projects List that can be found on page 105 of the [Council Amendments Report](#). This amendment would change the project alignment to stay on NE 7<sup>th</sup> Ave up to Sumner, only then cutting over to NE 9<sup>th</sup> Ave). We feel the following points provide compelling reasoning to select NE 7th Ave:

1. NE 7th Ave was first designated by city planners and is the natural, currently utilized bike greenway route;
2. this will provide a more wholistic approach to smart planning, infill, and address existing and growing concerns for NE 7th Ave;
3. this will allow for a better connection to build towards a long term I-84 crossing;
4. this is projected to be half the price, costing only \$1M, compared to \$2M for 9th;
5. all the area Neighborhood, Bicycle and Citizen organizations and associations support this.

We have a real opportunity to showcase smart planning and sustainable infill by making needed upgrades on NE 7th Ave as a natural bikeway with major ridership. We look forward to hearing from the Bureau in response to our comments.

Thank you,  
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