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Dear City Council:

Thank you in advance for your advocacy on the 7th Avenue greenway project. I have lived at 4407 NE 7th Avenue for over ten years. Our home is right before the stoplight at 7th and Prescott. Over the years I have watched the traffic grow exponentially on our street as drivers try to avoid the gridlock on MLK. At rush hour it can be difficult to cross from our car on the east side of 7th to our home on the west side. The traffic races to beat the light - often well above the speed limit.

Several years ago our beloved cat Mr. Ruff was hit and left to die a painful death on the parking strip. We came home and found him and rushed him to Dove Lewis but it was too late. The back of his body was crushed by a car that didn't know or bother to stop.

The bike traffic on our street grows every year too and we watch the close calls all the time. This is a neighborhood street and a crucial de facto bikeway that is shouldering way too much automobile traffic.

We now have a one-year-old baby boy who we adore and are already worried about having him play in our unfenced backyard as he gets older - not to mention crossing the street from our car to the house once he is walking. What happened to our cat is a chilling reminder of the dangerous traffic patterns on our street.

Just north of our home on 7th are the Going street greenway, King elementary and park, and the King Portland farmers market on Sundays. We need a major intervention on 7th now - not after a tragedy happens.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Best,
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