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I strongly support making NE 7th a major city bikeway and greenway, with traffic diversion. I live on NE Beech several blocks from 7th. My wife, my 2 sons and I use 7th to cycle to many destinations in the Lloyd district and to SE Portland. We also use 7th to walk to businesses at Knott and 7th.

It is essential to have a North-South route at 7th. There is nothing else between N Vancouver and NE 21st. NE 9th is not a valid option. It is indirect and would only be used by cyclists for short neighborhood trips instead of creating a useful route through the area.

Moreover, since I have moved to this area, the car traffic on 7th appears to have increased in speed and volume. 7th has changed from a residential street to a rushed thoroughfare. This is dangerous for the children in this area that walk and bike to Irving park. Cars should be discouraged from using 7th as an alternate to MLK. Personally, I am happy spend extra time in my car on MLK knowing that 7th is preserved as low traffic for pedestrians and the families and individuals who live around 7th.

I am writing this email on behalf of my family and 4 other families that are our close neighbors that want NE 7th to be a major bikeway with measures to decrease through traffic from cars.

Thank you,

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