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> To: Planning and Sustainability Commission <psc@portlandoregon.gov>

> Subject: 7th Ave Greenway

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> Good Evening,

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> I am a longtime resident of Irvington and currently reside on NE 7th Ave. between Stanton and Siskiyou. I've lived here with my husband and three children since 2005. Over the past 11 years, traffic on 7th has gotten increasingly bad. It is extremely difficult to back out of our driveway and I have had many near misses, especially in recent years. Cars often drive 40 miles an hour or faster through our residential street. There are many children on this street and crossing the street can be very dangerous, particularly at busier times of the day. In addition, rush hour traffic is starting earlier and earlier and going on much later into the evening than it used to. That means that we have several hours of bumper to bumper traffic on our street. I have had my parked car run into multiple times (hit and run) when parked in front of my house.

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> 7th Avenue is a residential street. The street is about as wide as several other streets in the neighborhood that don't get nearly as much traffic as we do. Turning NE 7th into a bikeway and greenway, would not only increase the safety of our street, but it would also increase the desirability of living here. I notice that there is a lot of garbage on NE 7th and I am constantly picking up trash in my yard that people have obviously thrown out their car window while whizzing down our street. Lots of fast food restaurant containers, coffee cups, and cans and bottles. I do not see nearly as much trash when walking on other neighborhood streets.

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> NE 7th has become an increasingly dangerous street. As residents of Irvington, my family and I would like to live on a quieter street that is cleaner, safer and less crowded with traffic, just like our neighbors on other Irvington streets. We are just as deserving as our neighbors to have a street that safe and pleasant.

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> Sincerely,

> Carole Johnson Smith

> and family, Theo (husband) and kids Robin, Skylar, and Annalise

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