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Subject: Retain Current Emergency Route Designation of SE 20th and 21st

I reside at 2722 SE 21st Ave. I am writing to request that City Transportation planners do not designate SE 21st and SE 20th as a Major Emergency Route and a Secondary Emergency Response Route. Please keep these streets as Minor Emergency Response Routes.

We have lived here for 11 years and have seen emergency vehicles travel on our street without undue hindrance. The speed bumps along SE 21st between SE Powell and SE Division have helped calm traffic so it is safer and more tolerable for the neighborhood. The current speed bumps have not seem to cause major problems for emergency vehicles. The bigger problem for emergency vehicles is the increase in all types of traffic on the street. There are many commercial establishments in the area which require all types of trucks and other service vehicles.

Our worry is the proposed redesignation of the street will lead to increased traffic and higher speeds on the street. The current speed bumps have played a major role in calming traffic on the street. Changing the configuration of the bumps will lead to increased speeds as drivers passing through the neighborhood play the game of trying to navigate through the gaps in the speed bumps.

While speedy response to emergencies is important, also neighborhood livability in the form of calmer traffic. Also, the location of fire stations in SE Portland does not require another major emergency response route. Trucks coming to our neighborhood will come down SE 39th (Chavez Blvd.) and go west on Division or Powell to the appropriate North/South street.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts and opinions.

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