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Subject: TSP3

RE: Staff Response to Comments on the TSP Stage 3 Discussion Draft

I am resubmitting my comments in opposition to the designation of 21st as an Emergency Response Route because the staff comments addressed SE 20th between Hawthorne and Division, whereas my comments concerned SE 21st between Division and Powell.

Testimony Opposing SE 21st Emergency Response Route Designation

Please retain the current classification of SE 21st as a Minor Emergency Response Street as opposed to a Secondary Emergency Response Street. I am concerned about the effect of the changed classification on our neighborhood speed bumps, and the impact the designation could have on the SE 21st Avenue Bikeway project.

TSP Policy 6.10 states that when a Secondary Emergency Response Streets is established on a street with existing speed bumps, those bumps "shall" be removed and be replaced with speed cushions. Since there is no guarantee that cushions would work as well as the existing speed bumps, the change will likely make speeding on the street worse. This seems to contradict the Comprehensive Plan policy 9.40, which says emergency routes should not negatively impact traffic calming.

I ride my bike on the street frequently and I hope the SE 21st Avenue Bikeway project will make riding safer and more comfortable by further slowing vehicle traffic. I see a conflict between the Bikeway and the Emergency Route designation, as the speed bumps are critical to making the street bike friendly (a segment of SE 21st is part of the Clinton Greenway).

In conclusion, I ask:

Make TSP Policy 6.10 consistent with Comprehensive Plan policy 9.40 by specifying that speed bumps can be replaced with speed cushions only if they are equally effective; and

Do not designate SE 21st a Secondary Emergency Route -- it will complicate the Bikeway project and interfere with the existing Greenway designation; and

Prioritize streets without existing speed bumps to be Emergency Routes.

Thank you,

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