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Subject: TSP3 - SE 20th

RE: Online testimonial related to the Sept. 26th 2017 hearing

PBOT seems set on reclassifying 20th avenue with a very weak and unacceptable rationale.

My impression of the language drafted by the city is tied to conditions that poor management of the current street classification have led to: excessive speeding, excessive truck usage and excessive vehicular traffic volume. This, combined with a policy conflict, make re-classification the "easy thing to do." This is not an acceptable rationale for justifying such a change with a big list of negative impacts. These impacts were identified by residents without genuine response from the city.

I am disappointed in the generic responses to residents on SE20th who voiced specific and addressable concerns. PBOT may be working to be transparent but, it's struggling to preserve planning policy and engage me and my neighbors with real dialogue. In reading the TSP Stage 3 Update from Sept. 22, It's clear to me that the residents of SE 20th would like to preserve the existing classification of 20th Ave and not let the current, inappropriate usage of 20th be the core rationale for this re-classification.

I respectfully submit that the commission considering this reclassification reject changing SE 20th from a Local Service Street to a Neighborhood Collector.

Please keep in mind that for over two decades, the many changes to improve and manage SE 20th have been neighborhood led. We would like to see PBOT follow policy and work to participate in preserving the quality and livability of this neighborhood along with the commitment proven by neighbors a long time ago.

Thank you,
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