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Testimony for the TSP Stage 3 Proposed draft:

Dear PSC,

Thank you for soliciting feedback on this draft. Overall it appears that there are many fantastic planning ideas in this draft. I have one specific concern/comment:

I was saddened to see that the subpolicy regarding "Cut-Through Traffic" (page 3-7) was not to be included. I believe that the Comp Plan policy 9.46 is vaguely worded and lacks enough focus to really do anything about neighborhood cut-through traffic. I live in Homestead neighborhood and we are absolutely strangled by unsafe and unlivable commuter traffic volumes, usually cutting through small residential streets at high speeds and often with extreme road rage given the poor access on/off Marquam Hill for commuters. Thus, I think that the TSP should explicitly focus on this issue by including this subpolicy.

As it stands, the city has been unwilling/unable to provide traffic calming and volume reduction solutions for our neighborhood, and we would appreciate anything that could help. A lack of attention to this issue has led to steady deterioration of neighborhood livability, and long-time residents, and in particular any families with children, have been driven to move away. This even has involved people who work up at the medical center, despite the fact that they then become car commuters themselves! One person actually lamented the fact that they were driven out by the traffic, and now were contributing to it themselves.

If the neighborhood were more livable it would actually decrease commuter traffic. So please KEEP the subpolicy re: cut-through traffic in the TSP draft! It is a good idea and consistent with the city's long term vision.

Thanks,
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