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To: <u>Council Clerk – Testimony</u>

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Greetings

It is beyond my comprehension why the City would want to spend \$46 million ripping apart the South Park Blocks to change them. They do not need change, they need maintenance. They have been there, as they are, for about a century, and having spent many hours in them, they work just fine.

There is much that needs fixing with the city in which I have resided for almost 50 years, the South Park Blocks are not one of them. Spending \$46 million for this is like putting streamers in the handlebars of your bike but not fixing the flat tire.

Perhaps if the City focused on what needs fixing *now*, not on vanity projects for some vision of the future, Portland could recover some of its past glories.

Sincerely,

Roger Vrilakas