

Written Testimony - Agenda Item 656

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656	Michelle Stevenson		<p>Dear City Council,</p> <p>I'm a pedestrian who lives in outer SE Division. I support acceptance of this grant.</p> <p>Nobody on outer Division is 100% happy with all the changes made in the past few years. I support safety for pedestrians and bikers, I support slowing traffic down. Some of the design seems implemented to confound the drivers, and nobody uses the bike lanes because they're parked in all the time. They're just really expensive parking. I'd love a good bike lane but it's never accessible for me because they're always blocked. A side street set aside with safety features for thru East-West biking and North-South biking would likely be preferable to riding on Division bike lane and be utilized by families. I saw an opinion letter in the Oregonian from a neighbor that nobody walks or bikes out here and I want it <i>*very*</i> clear that's not true. I'm here. I exist, and I wish everyone would stop using the sidewalks and bike lanes as a parking lot. There's a lot of bikers and pedestrians out here. We deserve to be safe.</p> <p>The added crosswalks are great. The barrier is helpful to me as a pedestrian/biker but I think it can be broken in a few more places and not hurt safety.</p> <p>Thru traffic is often pushed from Division to side streets and the traffic doesn't slow down as they seek to find a quicker thruway. I often see cars going 50-60 mph as I walk my child on 136th on both the north and south sides of Division Street.</p> <p>Nobody follows the "don't turn on red" arrow at 122nd and Division. They don't pay attention or just don't want to wait. We've already had a death from somebody not following that rule.</p> <p>I know someone who regularly drives on Division would have different observations. I hope they are listened to in all projects as well as pedestrians/bikers like myself, but I get understandably peeved when my neighbors write in and pretend bikers and pedestrians don't exist.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	No	07/31/23 7:41 PM

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