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I have reviewed the comprehensive plan and see that changes are planned for Burnside. I live on [redacted] and have been here for 16 years. During this time the Providence campus and the number of employees/visitors has grown dramatically but nothing has been done to accommodate the increase in traffic. Consequently, major intersections are jammed during rush hour and commuters are choosing, with increasing frequency, to cut-through small neighborhood streets that are meant for local traffic. Please review traffic patterns on Burnside and 47th Avenue. I think you will see that morning eastbound commuters on Burnside are choosing to turn north on 45th Avenue rather than wait for the traffic at the signal on 47th. Please consider an island on Burnside between 42nd and 47th that eliminates left hand turns. The reverse is true for evening commutes where Providence employees cut-through 45th Avenue heading south to Burnside. This is problematic for residents but it also puts bikers using the bike path on Davis in harms way. I witness near-misses frequently. Please consider rerouting evening traffic to reduce/eliminate cut-throughs using Davis and 45th Avenue.

Thank you,

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