

Comprehensive Plan Draft--Safety; Walkable access to services, schools, churches, work, parks and gathering places

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After attending a meeting when the comprehensive plan draft 2035 was presented, and our subsequent reading of the draft, we find a number of inconsistent components and goals in the present version. We are most concerned with the lack of attention, focus and concern for the area on SW 45th Street between Vermont and Multnomah Blvd.

There are no sidewalks or sufficient lights. Daily danger to school children, persons accessing churches, schools, recreation center, and Gabriel Park can be witnessed due to the lack of sidewalks except in the area close to Vermont street. Anyone can see skateboarders and persons riding bikes traveling down SW 45th from Multnomah Blvd. on a daily basis, proceeding on the main road. Persons walking to work, church or school cannot proceed the entire route without walking on the main road. This is a safety and access issue ignoring a tragedy just waiting to occur.

We request safety for our students, persons walking to work, or accessing the recreation center or churches on SW 45th Street, and wish this situation to be addressed in future revisions of the plan, and that you pass on and share our concerns to the appropriate parties and offices.

Thank you for your attention.

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