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To Whom it may concern:

I would like to see bike corridors connect at all places. A very good example of a discontinuous bike corridor is travelling West off of the Hawthorne bridge onto SW Main Street. The designated bike corridor ends on SW Main St. after passing SW 3rd Ave. This may be the busiest section of bicycling in downtown Portland as cars, buses, and commercial vehicles all move through the same section of city blocks on Main St often well past SW Broadway. I personally continue up Main all the way to SW 12th.

As a bicyclist who rides this route every workday, it feels very claustrophobic and also a harrowing experience as vehicles and bicyclists are moving, sometimes inches away from each other. A particularly narrow spot is around the Elk Statue on SW Main (between SW 3rd and 4th).

I would like to see completion of bike corridors at all sections as a priority on the Comprehensive Plan so that we can continue to increase the amount of bicycle commuters. Here is a link on the stalling of per capital bike commuters in Portland for the fifth year in a row: <http://bikeportland.org/2013/09/19/census-portland-biking-stalls-for-fifth-year-while-other-cities-climb-94248>

Thank you,

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