

Enough already!! Step back, pause, take a deep breath and re-evaluate!

I realize Portland is a desirable place to live but what makes it so, our great neighborhoods, is slowly being demolished. I live in the Richmond neighborhood and have watched lovely old PDX houses being demolished and multiple 3 story condos replacing them. A good example is the corner of 50th and Tibbetts St. There was a hill with an old Bungalow surrounded by huge old trees. The trees were cut down much to my horror, the house demolished and the hill removed to street level. Now there are 8 condos in that space. Recently 3 or 4 (I couldn't really tell) nice old PDX houses were demolished off of 50th between Division and Hawthorne. Right now there are 4 skeletons of condos and looks like there will be many more added to that spot. A developer recently approached the owner of the duplex across the street from me to ask him if he wanted to sell. Fortunately the owner said no. As this developer currently owns the house on the corner next to the duplex, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to see what the plans were.

I don't even know where to start when it comes to the horror that is Division between Cesar Chavez and about 20th. I think it is naive to presume that people moving into those condos and apartments (with no parking available) are going to exclusively use public transport. Or even those not in the immediate area. I would have to pay TriMet \$5 for a round trip ticket just to go have a meal in one of the restaurants in that area, plus pay for my meal. I feel sorry for the residents in that immediate area with people coming and going parking in front of their houses.

I see the condos marching up Division and am afraid that my end of Division will end up like the above.

Thanks
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