

To whom it may concern,

Project number 40102, a Candidate project currently estimated to cost \$14.86 million, is to widen Columbia Blvd to a five-lane cross-section. This is inconsistent with Vision Zero goals, and with previous proposals and project which would put Columbia Blvd on a road diet east of MLKJr Blvd, where North Portland Highway already provides a five-lane highway literally one block to the south of Columbia Blvd. Columbia should thus become a true boulevard, with protected bicycle facilities, sidewalks, one lane of through traffic in each direction, left turn lanes, and clear painted lane markings to guide the interactions of truck, bicycle, transit, pedestrian, and vehicle traffic in this multi-use corridor. There are schools, the Humane Society, retail centers, and a wide variety of employers on this corridor that the City needs to provide for multi-modal access to and from.

This project, Columbia Blvd widening, thus must be removed from the TSP and replaced by a project with a focus on enhancing access to the corridor by multiple modes, rather than a project that will only lead to increased VMT, increased GHG, and decreased safety.

Sincerely yours,
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