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Hello. My main request is that the city act as quickly as possible on the Division-Midway Neighborhood Street plan. The hyperlink for this PBOT document is <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/TRANSPORTATION/article/537983> . This document identifies the huge needs for improvements in our neighborhood infrastructure, particularly in paving unpaved streets, connecting cut-off streets and putting in sidewalks where pedestrian traffic is heavy. The document already identifies the highest-need areas.

SE Division is a major thoroughfare for pedestrians but nevertheless lacks sidewalks in many areas. People regularly risk their safety walking and operating wheelchairs through mud, and it is a glaring reminder of the under-investment by the city in this part of town. As people continue to try finding affordable housing in the city, people will be shocked to see how inner Portland is over-invested in things such as street car lines but we do not even a streetcar line or basic sidewalk infrastructure.

Also, connecting disconnected streets will relieve traffic on major roads like Division and Powell. Some of these projects involve acquiring property on either sides of these disjointed streets. Please proceed with these purchases before land costs get much higher. Paving streets in our area will also reduce traffic on main streets, and improve healthy opportunities such as walking and bicycling. Please, please, please act to improve our inferior infrastructure in the Division-Midway area to improve the quality of living for the taxpayers of the city that live here. I also ask that neighborhood residents be updated on the progress of the plan.

Sincerely,
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