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Subject: [User Approved] TSP Testimony

To whom it may concern:

My name is David Kennedy. I am a homeowner on NE Sumner St between 7th and MLK, and I fully support the proposal to make NE 7th a Greenway. As it stands, NE 7th is not a great road for biking, yet I use it frequently because of a lack of convenient North-South alternatives. There are no North-South Greenways between Rodney and the 30s, and if I want to access a location east of MLK, taking Rodney would mean crossing MLK twice, which would be unpleasant, to say the least. I'd rather take my chances on 7th in its current state, which is saying something.

I think that the proposal to make 7th a Greenway would do great things for the neighborhoods that this Greenway would run through (including mine). It would make a great route to school for kiddos attending King School, and surely would encourage more of them to bike by providing an inviting route.

Sticking this Greenway on NE 9th instead of NE 7th would be a move that would clearly prioritize cars over bikes, which would fundamentally disagree with Portland's green transportation hierarchy. 7th would provide a much clearer route, and would avoid the necessity of going through or around Irving Park that would arise from having the Greenway on 9th.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you will make a positive decision for the neighborhoods.

Sincerely,
David Kennedy