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Dear Planning and Sustainability Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft TSP and you diligent work on this plan and other elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

I believe the designation of NE 9th as a Major Bikeway and NE 7th as a Minor Bikeway should be switched. NE 9th provides neither the directness of connectivity through the city nor door-to-door access to businesses along NE 7th.

NE 7th is a local street that suffers from excessive spillover traffic from MLK, I-5, and NE 15th, much more so than NE 9th. 7th could benefit from traffic calming, diversion, and other efforts to divert traffic back to larger streets and make it suitable for bikeway designation. Likewise NE 7th is more likely to provide a direct connection north/south through the Lloyd District and across a potential new bridge across I-84.

NE 9th is sufficient as a Minor Bikeway providing access to Irving Park and is logical as a Major Bikeway north of Alberta Street where 7th terminates.

Switching gears, I believe you are correct in the alignment of a major bikeway on NE Holman linking briefly on NE 9th to Rosa Park as a connection between NE and N Portland. I use this route almost daily and believe it would greatly benefit from related improvements.

Thank you very much, Ben Weber 6214 NE 12th Ave Portland, OR 97211

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