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Submitted written testimony to the Joint Committee on Transportation for the 6/4 Roadshow Hearing:

Dear legislators,

I moved from Beaverton to Portland last year, and accidentally picked one of the most dangerous streets for pedestrians, Powell Boulevard. While I love my neighborhood and how well connected it is to the city, walking or driving along Powell is loud and stressful in ways Division, Hawthorne, and other streets aren't. My partner has also given up her avid biking habit because we've seen how dangerous that is on both Powell and Chavez.

After the Starlight Parade this Saturday, we got to enjoy busy downtown streets that were quiet(!) and pedestrian-friendly because they were closed to vehicles other than buses and bikes. I want more of that for my neighborhood: Instead of fresh pavement or better signaling or noise walls, a tree-lined street with slow speeds, wide bike lanes, and frequent bus service or even a southeast MAX line.

When we consider the transportation funding crisis and the cost to quality of life that more cars bring, it's clear the future of Portland needs less pavement, not more, and to turn it into an asset to the neighborhood instead of sacrificing the neighborhood to it.

Yours,

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