

Hi all,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to allow the community to give our input. I am a full-time cyclist pedestrian and Transit user in Portland, I do not own a car and have never owned my own car, and around this time I feel that it is my duty to put my two cents in. In the last 2 weeks, I have experienced exponentially greater amounts of traffic violence faced towards me. I have had drivers swerve around me while crossing the street, I've had drivers give me the finger for simply being in a crosswalk, I had a driver literally drive at me for telling him to slow down, and most recently I had a driver chase me all around Lloyd District on my bicycle until I stopped at which point he physically assaulted me, the last of which I captured on 360 video. Until traffic violence has been solved, nothing should be done for drivers. They have shown that they are too out of control and that nothing should be done for them. A freeway widening will not help us. What will help us is a reduction on our dependency on cars and getting people out of those cars and onto other vehicles and forms of transportation.

If I can do it, so can everyone else. I've been doing this for 18 years, well over half my life. It's time to stop the killing and violence.

Thank you,
Nick