

Submitter: Janet Rogers
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB2756

Dear members of the Joint Transportation Committee,

My name is Janet Rogers and I am a resident of Tigard, Oregon and have been for the past 3 years. I do not live far from Hall Blvd. and use this street to access most of the City of Tigard (library, shopping, the high school, etc.) I also walk along a section of Hall Blvd. twice a month to pick up litter as an Adopt One Block ambassador so I have intricate knowledge of a large section of the roadway.

This road is dangerous, even with the reduction of speed the state implemented recently for a portion of the road. The potholes are plentiful and most drivers swerve wildly to avoid having damage done to their cars while traversing down the road. This is then extremely dangerous for the folks traveling on their bicycles in the shoulder (where there is one). It's unsafe for drivers, pedestrians, bikers, and wheelchairs (of which I encounter frequently)! Of utmost importance though is the fact that there are children who need to use Hall to get to school. This presents an even more dangerous situation. The sidewalks are incomplete, there are missing shoulders along the both sides of the roadway, and there have been many car accidents on the road just in my short time of living in this area, including one where two women were hit and one of them died at the scene. Something needs to be done.

The State of Oregon needs to get out of the business of maintaining city roads. Hwy 217 was built in the 1970's to replace Hall Blvd. as the main arterial through Tigard. That's 50 years of State maintenance, oversight, and costs. It's time to improve the road and hand it over to Tigard to maintain.

Make the right choice and pass HB 2756 for the sake of the safety of Tigard residents and future costs. The city of Tigard is willing to do their part to improve Hall Blvd.

Thank you for your consideration.

Janet Rogers