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Having grown up in a city neighborhood where many types of housing were available in close proximity to suit the diverse needs of residents, I know that “middle-housing” is a boon in so many ways.

Obviously, it allows for more housing – and Oregon is woefully behind in our supply. But, in addition, creating communities that encourage people of different economic means to live close to each other provides opportunities and experiences that encourage economic mobility and democratic understandings.

Density is environmentally sound. And, finally, communities that have more density support more local small businesses and, thus, pedestrian traffic – and this creates more safety in neighborhoods.

That said, I don't understand not having a traffic analysis required. Such analysis seems like a reasonable and cautionary factor.