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I live in the end upstairs unit of Fairview Place Condominiums. I have a good view of Hall Boulevard all day and hear much of what moves on it all night.

Since moving to the Portland area in 1999, I have watched Hall Boulevard's traffic both pedestrian and vehicular increase dramatically. I have also noticed many vehicles vastly exceeding the recently revised upper speed limit of 30mph. Particularly on the portion where I live, from Oleson Road north to Eliander, some drivers race through there at what appears to be at 50 miles per hour. This is dangerous to all who may be walking there as well as shoppers turning in to Dutch Bros Coffee and Target. It's only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or killed.

I also suspect that much of the increased traffic on Hall Blvd. are commuters who wish to avoid Hwy 217, particularly during this heavy construction time. They may find that they prefer Hall Blvd to 217 even after the construction on 217 is completed.

I am both a pedestrian and a driver, and can attest to the dangers to both on Hall Blvd from Pacific Highway all the way west to Scholls Ferry Road. There are many sidewalk sections missing, requiring pedestrians to use the bicycle lane or to venture out to the traffic lane. As for driving, the paving is intermittently rough especially around SW Walnut Street. As has been noted by others, the Tigard Triangle has been neglected or ignored for too long, and with the housing going up all around the area, we definitely need to see improvements helping to secure safety for drivers, walkers, and cyclists throughout.

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