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We reside just off Hall and definitely support the proposed safety measures along Hall. So many families and children walk, bike, and scooter to school or to Metzger Park. However, most of the road doesn't have sidewalks or appropriate crosswalks to cross the street. This makes the road dangerous and requires extra vigilance. We walk to school almost daily and have to use the bike lane for a long stretch of the walk since there is no sidewalk. There have been multiple times in the past few months that we had to quickly move into the ditch next to the road because a car swerved into the bike lane. It has been better since the speed limit was reduced, but it still makes us second-guess walking to and from the school. We know our children are better able to learn and regulate themselves when they get exercise and fresh air before school, but at times it is difficult to make that decision since Hall isn't bike or pedestrian friendly.

There are also many medical offices and businesses tucked into this area that would benefit from more pedestrians visiting their businesses. Our family has talked about walking down to lunch, dinner, or a date night at some of the restaurants along Hall so that we could relax and have a drink. However, we often end up not going at because we would need to drive and don't feel comfortable walking when there is no sidewalk.

We hope you support the bill to fix Hall Blvd. It would encourage so many families to live healthy lifestyles just being able to cross the street to walk to Fred Meyer, go to school on an actual sidewalk, or go for a run or bike walk regularly without worrying about a car easily being able to hit you. Thank you.