

Dear members of the Joint Transportation Committee,

My name is Jeff Mimnaugh and I am a 17-year resident of Tigard. In fact, I live on a dead-end street that intersects with Hall Boulevard. I have several points of view why Hall Boulevard needs improving.

First, I want to acknowledge the recent speed reduction from 40 to 30 MPH on the stretch between Pfaffle and 92nd. While this is a quick fix and good start, it simply isn't enough.

For nearly 18 months, I walked to the Tigard Transit Center at least 2 days a week from my home and back at night. Additionally, as an avid walker I utilize parts of Hall Blvd. from Spruce all the way to Durham. As you are likely aware, there are sections where Hall has no sidewalks on either side of the street and, for the majority, no sidewalk on both sides. This forces kids walking to one of the neighborhood schools or adults like me to walk in the bike lane and/or cross a busy street to access a sidewalk. This is dangerous and simply unacceptable. In addition, there are not safe areas in which to cross. I'm sure you heard about our neighbor, Karen, who was killed crossing the street last year.

My daughter has attended Tigard High School for nearly two years now and I drive the stretch from Spruce to Durham 2-4 times per day. The majority of the road contains long stretches with potholes or areas of raised patched potholes (the majority of which are falling apart). Not only does this cause wear and tear on private citizens' cars and government vehicles, it creates a dangerous environment for driving. I'm teaching my daughter to drive and she's having to learn where all of these are so she can try to miss them.

I'm certain many legislators believe this Bill is a pet project for our City and residents. Hall Boulevard was built as a state highway long before 217 and long before the high volume of traffic and needs of pedestrians, bike riders and wheel chairs existed. Simply put, this stretch of road has long been ignored by the State of Oregon and does not meet the demands, needs or safety requirements of the citizens (many who are residents of neighboring communities using as an alternate route) utilizing this road. I challenge you to take a close look at this section of road with a unbiased eye and determine anything but the need to pass this Bill.

Please pass [House Bill 2756](#) to make Hall Boulevard safer. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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