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I am new to Portland and have fallen in love with the ease of walking and biking options that exist as soon as I step outside my door. For me, it is an amazing way to engage with the City, and I feel so much more connected to my community when I use these modes of transportation. I value the exercise and I autonomy I experience when I use active transportation. I use my bike to go to work, the gym, errands like groceries and the bank, to my house of worship, and to many concerts and events that take place in surrounding neighborhoods. While I generally feel safe, I am aware of the stats and have felt unsafe in many situations when I am forced off a designated bike path. Please pass this bill and invest in more active transportation and transit programs and infrastructure. Transportation is public health, climate solutions, economic development, and more. The more options that go beyond car ownership will lead to a more vibrant and dynamic society.