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I am a 65 year old woman who lives off major east the Portland thoroughfares of Foster road, SE 82nd and I205 at Foster. I am a substitute teacher in the impoverished and immigrant communities such as David Douglas, Reynolds, Parkrose, and Centennial and see the lack of safety both in my neighborhood and those east of the 205.

It is said half the children in Portland live east of SE 82nd; however, the public transportation access and street safety for these communities does match other areas of Portland closer to the river. The River does not cut Portland in half, rather it is closer to 82nd but downtown and inner city get all the fancy safety.

Of all fixes, my core belief is that Street Lighting is of utmost importance and I support the forthcoming Bill that can assist with this. When a flashing yellow light pops on SE 82nd, Powell, or on Foster, a driver cannot tell if anyone needs to cross because the pedestrian and crosswalk should be lit up with bright white lights (I have seen an example of this near the old Lincoln High school). I have witnessed a half dozen times cars nearly hit pedestrian because they can't see them even though a yellow caution light flashed.

Deep east Portland holds most of the kids in Portland, has the least visibility of Police, and most of the poor folks and I encourage heavy attention to this area in supporting the forthcoming Bill.