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Dear Resident,

We would like to provide you with an update on the East Campbell Way Walking Safety Project in your neighborhood, which was selected for funding as part of the 2019-2021 Neighborhood Street Safety Program (NSSP). In response to the feedback and requests received from neighbors and community members, **the project will not be moving forward.**

The NSSP is a first-time program that addresses pedestrian and bicycle safety, speed reduction and safe routes to schools and parks on residential streets. After receiving 10 applications from neighbors in Century West, the Century West Neighborhood Association board reviewed the submissions and selected two projects to move forward for consideration by the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA) and City of Bend staff for NSSP funding. One of these projects requested traffic calming be considered for children riding bikes or walking on Campbell Road, and was ultimately selected for funding.

An important part of the NSSP is to work with residents to plan and implement effective changes that improve safety and comfort within the scope of the program. City staff identified a "Pedestrian Lane" early on as an effective yet inexpensive way of adding a walkway to Campbell Road, where it was not possible to construct sidewalk. Pedestrian Lanes allocate some of the existing pavement for a walkway and pavement markings separate people driving and walking. The driving space would then be narrower and narrow roads have proven to slow speeds. Staff also evaluated other types of traffic calming such as speed humps and radar speed signs, but minimum thresholds for these devices were not met.

A group of Century West neighbors called the, "Campbell Road Neighborhood Team," acted as the liaison between project designers and residents. During the team's outreach, many residents noted that they did not want signs, pavement markings, nor delineators in order to

preserve the feeling of a rural residential area, while others noted that traffic volumes were so low that the project was not necessary to feel safe walking or biking on Campbell Road. During the Open House hosted by the City of Bend, several abutting property owners requested the City re-allocate funding dedicated to Campbell Road to other, more pressing, community safety needs within the NSSP.

As requested by the neighbors and community feedback the Campbell Road Walking Safety project will not be constructed and cost savings will accrue to the NSSP.

The City would like to thank the Century West Neighborhood Association, Campbell Road Neighborhood Team, members of disability advocacy committees, and individual residents along Campbell Road who provided their input and ideas for this project and for continuing to support changes within neighborhoods that will improve safety.

A crosswalk across Century Drive is still the Century West Neighborhood Association's top priority within the NSSP. Pedestrian Lanes remain in the City's toolbox as an affordable way to create safe walking spaces on low-volume, residential and local streets in neighborhoods.

If you have any questions, please contact me at rlewis@bendoregon.gov or 541-408-5872.

Sincerely,

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