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Subject: Comments regarding SCNA neighborhood

I live just south of Reed Market Blvd, on Summer Shade Dr., where for parts of each day we have a lovely, quiet neighborhood. When I bought my home 4 years ago, Reed Mkt was under construction and so the traffic congestion was terrible. Unfortunately, when road construction was completed, traffic continued to be bad. Traffic was already at capacity.

Consequently, in order to get out of the backups along Reed Mkt, drivers cut through Wood River Village and up Wood River Dr to McClellan to get to Brookswood. Neighborhoods established since 1980 now have cars racing through them to try to dodge the traffic.

The Wood River Village neighborhood has narrow, windy roads, yet they deal with daily commuter traffic. The stretch of road that curves around Woodriver Park is barely passable for 2 cars. There are no sidewalks. The neighborhood roads are designed to slow traffic not be a shortcut for impatient commuters.

Wood River Dr and McClellan are the route pedestrians and bicyclists take to get from the Southern Crossing neighborhoods to the Deschutes and the Old Mill, but there are no contiguous sidewalks, so walking or riding on any of these roads is unsafe. The fumes from the traffic drifts through the entire area.

I am a proponent for the Southern Crossing pedestrian bridge because it would take cars off of Reed Market and away from the Bill Healy Bridge. During the summer months every parking spot is filled next to the river, and so people looking to park circle through the roundabouts and add to the mess.

Something needs to be done to relieve traffic along Reed Mkt, Brookswood and Bond. Livability is a characteristic that Bend can't lose. Our neighborhoods should remain safe for children to play, dogs on walks, bike riders and pedestrians. Please keep safety and livability a part of life in Bend.

Sincerely,

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