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**Subject:** Possible partnership with the parks district. Unrealistic?

I'm wondering if narrow, separate bike path right-of-ways could be purchased easier than wide road right-of-ways, or eminent domain could be used to greatly increase safe bike travel? Widening roads etc. as you know will do nothing to decrease traffic. Having separate safe bike paths and heavy marketing of them could get lots of folks out of their cars.

Combining the Parks district funding with some from the city could possibly be used for buying thin strips of land aka, 'long thin parks'? A couple of pedestrian underpasses or bridges across 3rd and 97 are needed. Crossing either of these is scary and I've been riding bikes for transportation for decades.

I don't drive or own a car. I only ride my bicycles. In this global warming age, it's immoral. Government should not support mass suicide. Holland's bike culture is needed.

Grumpy rant: Less car culture, more bikes. I'm older, 63, and have had a zillion surgeries, crushed spinal discs and other issues, and can't tolerate other people's excuses why they HAVE to drive. So much whining 😊. There are electric bikes and trikes, and blue skies power if they can't get their minds around moving their own bodies. I'm also tired of California transplants who tell me it's illegal to ride on the sidewalks after they almost hit me! They don't bother to learn Oregon's laws. I've got into road rage screaming matches, just trying to stay safe from the increasingly impatient and dangerous drivers who think they always have the right of way over bikes, while they destroy our climate. Not good. Tired of adrenaline. I've put a 'Slow down, it's our town' sign on my bike now. I suggest a public marketing campaign to tell people to slow down! Electric bikes are now generally faster around town...maybe that can be marketed? Another five years and regular bicycles will be faster than cars in the gridlock that's to come, no matter how many millions we spend on car infrastructure. Spend the money on electric mobility vehicle and bicycle infrastructure instead. Eventually internal combustion engines will be outlawed and electric cars can clog our streets, but until then....

Sincerely, grumpy, opinionated boomer, trying to influence the future of Bends health, mental well being and survive the carpocolypse.



Thanks for letting me snivel.

Sincerely,

Clayton Bailey  
Retired Firefighter Paramedic,  
who's seen too much car horror and gore. ☐🤔