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Subject: Bassett Corridor Study

Transportation Commission members:

I wanted to write in support of the protected bicycle lane alternative (alternative #3) for the Bassett Street Corridor Study.

While I would have liked to see a wider protected lane with a wider buffer including additional street trees, I think this is a reasonable compromise solution that maintains some of the on-street parking spaces between Dayton and W. Wash. I understand that the loss of a few spaces will have an impact on ABC for Health, but it seems clear that the tradeoff to be able to continue the southbound low-stress bike connection along Bassett is worth the loss of parking. Prioritizing on-street parking ahead of safe and inviting infrastructure for people walking and people biking downtown is not compatible with out stated transportation goals.

I would also advocate that the scope of the pilot extend south of W. Washington to Wilson in order to better evaluate that proposed section as well. Without such an extension, the value of these two blocks in our low-stress bike network will not be realized.

Thanks for your support!

Grant Foster