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Hello Transportation Commission —

Please **consider partial closure of Sherman Ave for the upcoming season.**

Sherman Ave has turned out to be a high-use pedestrian, dog-walking, jogging recreational area for an **extended community, drawn from the entire Isthmus**, including the high density housing now on E. Wash. It couldn't be used like this until the CoVID restrictions revealed it as an oasis for this expanding group. In response, **we strongly advocate for speed calming, and partial restrictions on traffic.**

I am a daily dog-walker, and I know that the current arrangement is **an accident waiting to happen**. I see narrow misses weekly, between commuter traffic and recreational people or school kids crossing for the buses (which are now running again), or later in the day for excited kids coming out of the beach area and crossing unguarded cross-walks.

This street is the cut-off of choice for the commuters who prefer to race down Sherman and cut in to Gorham at Brearly (the other arteries are Gorham and E.Wash). The **straight-away from Tenney Park along Sherman is way too tempting**, especially to morning commuters in a hurry. The speed bumps do not work for this group, they seem to enjoy the terrain.

Temporary solution: going back to barricades and/or signage

Permanent solutions: There is a dog-leg at Sherman and Few that should be protected by a permanent concrete median/arrow to keep vehicles on the correct side of the road. A similar instal would protect the cross-walk south-bound out of the park. These are both effective ways to calm traffic, we have tested this and it works.

(Personally, I would like to see speed cameras installed for automatic delivery of speeding tickets (here, everywhere). This is an unbiased non-discriminatory way to penalize traffic infractions).

Thanks for your attention, **do please consider this option to keep this area safe**

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