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I was unable to attend the November 8th meeting but did watch it online. I really appreciate the time and care that city engineering put into the design process and it was great to see so many neighbors voice their opinions and concerns. This stretch of Gorham is a bit tricky since there are a number of competing concerns...from retaining parking, to adding a bike lane and dealing with an unusually narrow yet busy one-way street. Being a tree advocate, I was concerned about the loss of trees in the new design that is being presented tonight, but after walking the street myself this morning, I can again see the thoughtfulness that went into the design so that the loss would be as minimal as possible while retaining parking and adding the much needed bike lane. All trees that are slated to be removed are young trees and mostly small species. The parking lanes that were added back are on the side of the street with power lines allowing the opposite side of the road to retain the large terraces and hopefully retain those larger tree species too. The species that are planted under power lines are of a typically of smaller stature species anyway and hopefully there will be some replanting there too. The one question I have is about the trees in front of Christ Presbyterian Church at 944 East Gorham Street. In the plan pdf it appears that just one tree is being removed, but the plan kind of cuts off there. There are 2 other mature trees that appear to be in good health in front of the church. Will those trees remain?

Many thanks,

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