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Mayor Hoy and members of the Salem City Council, my name is Laurie Dougherty. I live in Ward 1. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on Agenda item 5 c motion 24-62 to study bicycle and pedestrian safety in the downtown core.

I'm retired. I do not have a car. I live on the north side of downtown and walk and bike downtown several times a week to do errands, attend meetings, and get to bus stops. Safety is a big deal for me

I walked here this evening, crossing two intersections where three pedestrians have been killed by cars in recent years and near another one. These pedestrians were killed by drivers making turns.

I appreciate the issues Councilor Stapleton has included in her motion. I would add that special consideration must be given to control of turning vehicles

I would like to see signals that stop traffic in all directions at key intersections (aka Pedestrian Scramble). Other cities do this. I grew up with this in the Boston, MA area and this system is still used at busy intersections there.

I hope that this study will develop general safety practices that can be applied without further delay in other areas of Salem where compact, walkable, climate friendly neighborhoods are being developed.

Thank you.