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To: <u>CityRecorder</u>

**Subject:** 24-286 Action item improving pedestrian crossings near Parish and Leslie middle schools.

**Date:** Monday, July 22, 2024 8:40:22 AM

## Dear Mayor and city council,

I would like to submit a comment in support of this proposal. My step son lives half time near Parish and North and very close to this intersection. He has friends in this neighborhood and would likely use this crosswalk to visit them. I believe that this added crossing will improve the pedestrian safety in this neighborhood for children of Parish and North Salem high school as well as Englewood elementary school.

I'm supportive of the crossing improvement to Leslie middle school, and think it will improve safety for the neighborhood and also students of Morningside elementary schools. I have seen drivers moving at speeds of 40+ mph on these roads and hope it will give parents more confidence to let their children walk and ride bikes around these neighborhoods.

As we move away from fossil fuels I hope that the city council will continue to look for projects like these to improve pedestrian safety. Walking has many health and environmental benefits but our car centric society has been built for car commutes, not people. These intersections have long needed to be improved for pedestrian safety.

Thank you for your consideration, Jen Fujii 3324 6th Ave S, Salem, OR 97302