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Dear Mayor and City Council:

350 Salem OR strongly supports planning for a road diet and a bike lane for Capitol Street between Center St. and Market St. This development is long overdue. We hope that this planning can begin immediately and be concluded expeditiously so that this project can be completed in the next few years. Hopefully, this development will encourage more students at Parrish Middle School and North Salem High School to ride their bikes to school. It should also encourage more bicycle commutes to downtown.

The staff recommendation calls for a “buffered bike lane.” We would suggest an amendment to the staff recommendation to stipulate a *protected* bike lane. Students, in particular, need this protection.

We hope City staff will actively assess other streets in Salem that could use a road diet and protected bike lanes. We think there are many. These projects will support the Salem Bike Vision and help motivate more Salem residents to switch from driving to biking for many of their trips around town. This motivation will be necessary for Salem to reach its Climate Action Plan goals of a 50% reduction in emissions 13 short years from now and to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

Thank you for your consideration.

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