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Cc: [Linda Nishioka](#)
Subject: 23-151 - Salem Heights Ave S Street Refinement Plan
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Dear Mayor Hoy and Councilors:

I'm writing to express my concern about the Salem Heights Avenue refinement plan, and the inconsistency of that plan with safer speeds, the City's Vision Zero approach to traffic deaths and serious injuries, fiscal responsibility, and the desire to limit burdens and work for our fire and police departments.

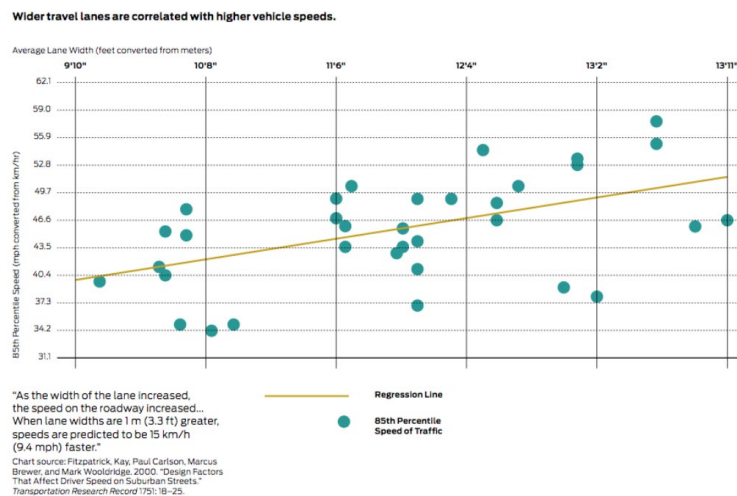
I concur with Breakfast on Bikes that **12 foot travel lanes in each direction encourage speeding** - the major concern of the neighbors noted in the staff report.

<https://breakfastonbikes.blogspot.com/2023/07/city-council-july-24th-salem-heights-12-foot-lanes.html#more>

NACTO, the National Association of City Transportation Officials, recommends 10 foot travel lanes to best meet the needs.

"Lane widths of 10 feet are appropriate in urban areas and have a positive impact on a street's safety without impacting traffic operations."

<https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide/street-design-elements/lane-width/#:~:text=wider%20lane%20widths,-.Lane%20widths%20of%2010%20feet%20are%20appropriate%20in%20urban%20areas,be%20used%20in%20each%20direction.>



Having lanes 20% wider than that encourages speeding, increasing the likelihood and seriously of crashes, need for police/fire services, increased stormwater runoff costs, and so on.

Thank you for your consideration, and your service to the Salem's residents and visitors.

Warm regards,

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