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Dear City of Salem Mayor and City Councilors,

Based on the Staff Report for Item 3.3j, I urge you to NOT support an intergovernmental agreement with ODOT to acquire right of way services for the Union Street NE Family Friendly Bikeway Project. Although heavy in text and lengthy in pages, the report does not directly state the specific areas of purchase or the exact purpose of the acquired land areas. Clarity is required before intentionally entering legal agreements or spending public dollars.

My concerns related to purchasing right of way include the possible use of the acquired land to:

1. Widen the road to maintain parking  
(resulting in more pavement, thus encouraging faster car speeds and lowering pedestrian safety)
2. Remove trees to maintain parking  
(resulting in less shade for pedestrians and people on bikes and wholly antithetical with the City's aim to combat climate change.)
3. Encouraging more cars on the road through parking availability  
(resulting in the prioritization of cars on a "Family Friendly Bikeway")
4. Taking land that is now owned, developed, and maintained by private parties  
(resulting in the possibility of street pavement coming closer to established private buildings along the street, and thus industrializing the space.)

Looking at the street in question, the current space now provides two car travel lanes (one in each direction) and parking on both sides. The most efficient transformation would seem to be restriping the current pavement and adding tubular markers to create two car travel lanes (one in each direction), a physical barrier/marker to separate cars from people on bikes, and bike lanes on both sides. If this can be done without purchasing right of way, it may offer the easiest, fastest, most efficient way to approach the project's goals.

Respectfully,  
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Please do not allow the removal of any trees while making room for the bikeway. Our inner core needs all the cooling it can get from trees to help with climate change and creating a cooler city for all to enjoy.

Kayleen Warner