

Hello,

My name is Zeb Brisco, I live in district 1, formerly lived in district 4 and work in District 5. Now in district one, there are ample bike routes, sharrows, ~~walk~~ and signage. The streets are smaller, and traffic is slow enough that sharing the road with cars is manageable. Beyond Redistrict

But beyond Old Tacoma / North Tacoma ~~Effort~~ traffic easier motor vehicle traffic makes most many roads inaccessible to bikes and pedestrians. Paint on the pavement will not keep a ~~7^{ft}~~ wide, 6 thousand pound GMC Yukon from colliding with ~~any~~ another commuter. Without a physical barrier, such a collision will almost certainly result in death.

There's no sign that vehicles these over sized vehicles are disappearing from our roads anytime soon, but the people of Tacoma are desperate to travel the city on bikes, e-bikes, skateboard, and on foot. The City of Tacoma must provide us with physical barriers such as bollards, curbs, and planters, ~~and~~ ~~some~~ ~~other~~ while this has already been done ~~on~~ ~~other~~ dedicated bike paths, these ^{Scenic} paths are seldom

connect residential areas to commercial areas, and these so do not provide Tacoma residents with optimal commuting routes.
work

When I used to live in district 4, I ^{sometimes} commuted to work via bike along Portland Avenue.

This wide, fast road is a heavily used
commercial route, connecting downtown and the
part with East Tacoma, Parkton, Bear Midland
etc. I never rode or drove Far & 3 years

~~seeing as~~ I saw countless dozens of vehicle collisions, and countless close calls.

Riding on the street would be incredibly dangerous particularly between E 31st and 72nd St. E.

As a bicyclist, I stuck to the sidewalks on this stretch. These sidewalks are in ~~such~~ poor condition for any wheeled device. Cracks, gaps, driveway curb cuts, I had to use a mountain bike and a lot of technical skills ~~that~~ ~~and~~ ~~not~~ ~~possible~~ to travel these sidewalks.

Two weeks ago, I rode ~~with~~^{on} the
with the "kidical mass" ~~part~~^{of} the group
bike ride organized by 2nd East Cycle
bike shop. Our group traveled in district 3.
of roughly 20 ^{young} kids as young as 5 years old

A. Robert

Test Case As we rode
In front of St. Joseph Medical
Center, a large ~~dark~~ ^{dark} speeding SUV,
driven by a man middle aged man in a
white shirt and tie, sped around the corner
from S. 16th onto S J street where
we all road. The parents shouted for the
driver to slow down, as he continued to
accelerate, the SUV engine now louder than
any ones voice. I waved my hand ~~over~~
in a "slow down" motion, and as he
passed the group of children on bicycles,
his side view mirror actually struck my
Finger tips.

These types of drivers and vehicles
aren't going to improve fast enough to ~~assure~~
achieve Tacoma's commitment to Vision
Goal Zero. We need to invest in
infrastructure that protects bicyclists
in Tacoma. We need to make ~~the~~ ~~less~~
commuting in Tacoma EQUITABLE for
riders of all abilities. And these investments
must at least in part
serve the people of south and East Tacoma

Thank you.