Hello,

My name is Zeb Bosco. I live in district 1. Formerly lived in district 4 and worked in District 5. The streets in district one, there are ample bike routes, sharrows, sidewalks, and signage. The streets are smaller, and traffic is slow enough that sharing the road with cars is manageable. Beyond District 1 there is easy motor vehicle traffic makes many roads inaccessible to bikes and pedestrians. Part of the pavement will not keep a 7' wide, 6 thousand pound GMC Yukon from colliding with another commuter. Without a physical barrier, such a collision will almost certainly result in death. There is 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, skateboards, and on Foot. The City of Tacoma must provide us with physical barriers such as bollards, curbs, and planters. While this has already been done on bike dedicated bike paths, these bike paths are seldom
Connect residential areas to commercial areas, and do not provide Tacoma residents with optimal commuting routes.

When I used to live in District 4, I commuted to work via bike along Portland Avenue. This wide, fast road is a heavily used commuting route, connecting downtown and the port with east Tacoma, Parkland, and Midland etc. I never rode or drove. For 8 3 years I never rode or drove this route without seeing an accident. I saw countless dozens of vehicle collisions, and countless close calls.

Riding this 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 poor condition for any wheeled device. Cracks, gaps, driveway curb cuts, I had to use a mountain bike and a lot of technical skills and courage to travel these sidewalks.

Two weeks ago, I rode with the "kidical mass" bike ride organized by 2nd Gear Cycle bike shop. Our group traveled in District 3, of roughly 20 kids as young as 5 years old...
As we rode
In front of St. Joseph Medical Center, a large dark speeding SUV,
driven by a random middle aged man in a white shirt and tie, sped around the corner
from S. 16th onto S J Street where we all rode. The parents shouted for the
driver to slow down, as he continued to accelerate, the SUV engine now louder than
anyones voice. I waved my hand 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 better
commuting in Tacoma EQUITABLE for
riders of all abilities. And these investments
must start in the most at least in part
serve the people of South and East Tacoma.

Thank you.