

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Elda Caliva, 3435 Norris Ln S, Salem OR 97302
Subject: New Testimony for the Written Record
Case #SUB-ADJ19-02, Wren Heights

On the website, the City of Salem has posted the Salem Heights Avenue S Street Refinement Plan. The plan's Proposed Goal Statement and Background Information are as follows:

Project goal/ objective

The goal of this project is to develop a plan for Salem Heights Avenue S that:

- 1. Improves the safety and utility of Salem Heights Avenue S for all users*
- 2. Reflects existing character of the neighborhood*
- 3. Results in one or a series of projects that can be adopted into the Salem Transportation System Plan and implemented as resources are available.*

Background Information

Salem Heights Avenue S, extends from Liberty Road S to Sunridge Drive S and is a designated collector street. Designed more than 70 years ago, Salem Heights Avenue S does not meet the transportation needs of Salem residents per the Salem Transportation System Plan. Potential improvements include adding sidewalks, bike lanes, curbs, and gutters. The existing road presents many challenges, including particularly steep hills and narrow right-of-way. The goal of the project is to make Salem Height's avenue safer and easier to use for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians within the existing constraints while still maintaining the neighborhood's character.

The background information emphasizes important safety issues with Salem Heights Ave S that are serious concerns for current community residents:

- The road **does not meet transportation needs** per the Salem Transportation System Plan
- The road **presents many challenges** due to steep hills and narrow right of way
- The road **should be safer and easier to use** for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians

In addition to the many challenges that already exist for Salem Heights Ave S community residents, the Wren Heights Subdivision poses even greater traffic risks for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. The new subdivision proposes to connect Doughton St S., currently a dead-end street, to Salem Heights Ave S.

Doughton would then serve as a direct line of travel not only for the new subdivision to Salem Heights but also for the existing neighborhood just north of Missouri Ave S. Because no traffic study has been conducted, it is unknown how much traffic will be increased on Salem Heights Ave S. What is known and what has been confirmed in the City's Background Information is that Salem Heights Ave S does not meet current transportation needs. It stands to reason then that Salem Heights Ave S will be adversely impacted by ANY increase in traffic.

I urge the Council to reject the development application until the Salem Heights Avenue S Street Refinement Plan has been completed and needed street improvements have been made.

Olivia Glantz

From: Ruth Stellmacher
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Please see attachment.

If additional information is needed, I can be reached at 503-851-8807

Thank you,

Elda Caliva