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Regarding 5th and 6th street

To Whom It May Concern,

My house and residence are on 5th street. As I write, the crews are removing pavement. I received the Vision Zero flyer from the MDT, but there's not much information about the striping to come at the end of resurfacing. I have been in touch with Kristine, from Big Sky Public Relations, but she was not able to give me any specifics.

As I understand it, Vision Zero, has to do with a goal of zero injuries and accidents. I have communicated dangerous issues specific to 5th street, in particular the narrower blocks. I live on the 800 block of 5th street which is one of these narrow blocks. As a resident who has had vehicles hit 4 times while parked on the south side of 5th, I am very concerned about this work.

These narrow blocks are treated the same as the rest of 5th Street when it comes to striping. During the last painting of these lines, the parking lane on the south side of the narrow blocks of 5th street was not repainted. That is because so much of the street had been taken by a bike lane, 2 buffer zones, the driving lane and parking on the north side, there was barely sufficient room for parking on the south side.

Parking on the south side of 5th street is real danger to anyone getting out of a car, but especially for a child or elderly person. Drivers of vehicles would rather almost touch a person getting out of a car than cross the lines to the right. Beware the dangers of exiting on the passenger side, especially on the narrow sections of 5th. Park on the south side at your own risk.

There is room on 5th street to make parking on the south side wider and safer on the narrow blocks. There are two buffer zones that could be altered to make this safe. This has been ignored on some of the blocks of 5th street, but needs to be addressed in the next striping.

Is Vision Zero going to live up to its name? Or is it going to continue to ignore what residents really have to say and be more of a Zero Vision organization. Those living on the street have important observations that can improve streets in all aspects.

Thank you,

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