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Subject: Columbia Street

To whom it may concern:

My name is Kerstin Brady and I live at 115 N.W. Columbia and I have some concerns about traffic control on our street. I have lived in my house since 2007 and have watched the traffic accidents and traffic speeds increase, especially in the last 2 years. There was a bicycle accident on Albany and Columbia, a T-bone car accident at Baltimore and Columbia (they did not want to report it), a truck hitting the telephone pole on Albany and Columbia, and my yard torn up when someone at night hit the guy line on the telephone pole and then shot across the driveway over the rocks, through my garden, taking out my plants and stepping stones, and then bouncing back onto the street just missing my trees. The speed bumps are not high enough to even slow down car speeds and my main fear is that some child is going to be hit trying to get to Columbia Park. It is heavily used and now with no parking on the park side people will be forced to cross to reach it.. There have been many near misses. Also, since Columbia Park is so close to the river and people bike and walk through it to get to Galveston and the bridge, perhaps higher speed bumps and bike lanes would make it more inviting for "people" to travel, which would ease the congestion at Galveston.

Also, it seems to me that to make this street an arterial makes little sense. Even if you make it one way you still have the problem of major congestion at Galveston near the bridge. It is a horrible area for bikes, cars and people to navigate. Why not consider 15th street as the arterial street. It goes from Simpson (near the new college) all the way to Galveston, entering at a less congested spot. It would help relieve traffic on 14th and It also runs along the backside of the shopping area and would give easy access to it.

Sincerely,

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