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Jeff:

I was so happy to see the City is actually considering pedestrians and cyclists in its future development. I strongly support:

(1) A downtown Hemlock Street pedestrian-mall. Long-discussed, never implemented. If NYC and Paris can do it, so can we! Put Cannon Beach on the map as a world-class tourist destination that is NOT entirely clogged by cars!

(2) A cycle bypass of the S-curves. Currently, a southbound cyclist cannot safely stay in that narrow downhill bike lane; it is necessary to ride in the middle of the road to negotiate those curves safely, but motorists take offense, sometimes aggressively so. Northbound, the cycle lane dwindles to almost nothing in places, again forcing cyclists into the roadway on blind curves. Do we need to wait for someone to die to improve things?

(3) We need crosswalk markings and signs in midtown!! There is absolutely no enforcement of the pedestrian-rights laws of Oregon (ORS 811.028, 801.220, legally designating a crosswalk at every intersection), nor even any awareness of these laws. This has to change if our town isn't to become -- worse than it is already -- yet another auto-dominated city where human-powered travel is relegated to lower-class status.

(4) Finally -- can you have a sign put in to tell motorists that the cycle lane abruptly ends on N-bound Hemlock in the block between Harrison and Van Buren? As it is, cyclists and motorists are both surprised when bicycles have no choice but to swerve out into traffic there. Better yet, a couple curb-cuts at either end (and a little paint on the sidewalk) would allow cyclists to stay out of the roadway. And save a life in the process.

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