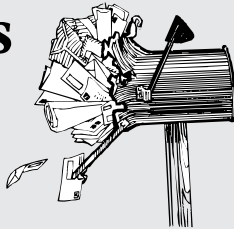


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Dangerous traffic on Shattuck Road shouldn't be blamed on Alpenrose

Regarding, "Many people are rocketing up and down Shattuck Road," letter by Rick Kappler, November 2014 edition of The Post.

Mr. Kappler's letter to the editor about the traffic on Shattuck Road suggests Alpenrose Dairy has somehow contributed to the dangers on Shattuck Road.

I have lived less than a hundred yards from the Alpenrose velodrome for the last 14 years, and before then within a mile for another 25 years.

Alpenrose is the best neighbor—the things they do for the community could fill a series of articles for this paper. Alpenrose was here long before any of their neighbors, including Mr. Kappler.

Their commercial traffic is negligible. The "events" are free events for the public on their grounds, far nicer than what our Parks Departments are able to fund.

The current speed and congestion issues with Shattuck Road are directly related to the Fanno Creek Bridge reconstruction [Oleson Road near

Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway].

With or without the temporary adverse effects from the construction, there was never any room on Shattuck for pedestrians or bicycles.

It is a narrow, poorly lit, overgrown horse path that got paved. Shattuck Road was dangerous and "very scary" for pedestrians and bicycles long before the Fanno Creek Bridge reconstruction.

In my almost 40 years in the area, I have purposely never walked along Shattuck Road or ridden my bike on Shattuck Road: it is dangerous. Shattuck Road will be just as dangerous after the bridge is reopened.

Yes, it would be nice to have Shattuck Road "overhauled" too, but until then, pedestrians and bicycles should just stay off Shattuck Road. Just one block from Vermont Street and Shattuck Road is Oleson Road with beautiful sidewalks and bike lanes that run somewhat parallel to Shattuck Road.

year. Oleson Road, once an attractive tree lined internal roadway, has become a truck route. Neighboring homes and small businesses have been degraded or abandoned. And for what, so more trucks and shoppers can service Washington Square?

As for "Crash Corner" (Oleson Road, Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Scholls Ferry Road), admittedly a poorly designed intersection, most of the wrecks there are low speed, minor accidents. Do we want to speed traffic through just to save a few minutes in exchange for high speed collisions?

Let's reorder our priorities in favor of pedestrians, bikes, public transit and traffic calming and not give up so much to service automobiles, speed and consumption.

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Don't jump on 'more and wider roads' campaign regarding Shattuck Road

I sympathize with [letter writer] Rick Kappler who wrote recently with concerns about traffic on Shattuck Road, but please don't jump on the more and wider roads campaign where we have been hypnotized for decades.

The Oleson Road "improvement" sacrificed 400 trees. The current Fanno Creek Bridge project at Oleson cut down more trees and is costing at least \$7.3 million dollars!

All this to span a small creek that flooded a low bridge maybe once a

Robert Gray Middle School to hold charity drive

Hi Don, I just spoke to you briefly about the charity drive we are going to have at Robert Gray Middle School. Beginning Dec. 1 and running until Dec. 19, Robert Gray will be collecting coats, mitten, socks, hats, and toiletries for Outside In.

Outside In's mission is to help homeless youth and other marginalized people move towards improved health and self-sufficiency. We would appreciate so much if you could put an ad in The Post letting the Southwest community know they can

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