

## THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



That crassness is not convincing, only repulsive. Not to mention wrong-headed.

Why would you want to end a program that's been so successful and instrumental in making our downtown a place that people actually want to use, where we don't feel scared at night and where there are actually jobs that pay a living wage? This is an example of local government policy working really well.

Anya Dobrowolski  
Eugene

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Former city councilor Bonny Bettman McCornack gets the credit for coining "DTURD." See another viewpoint from her on the topic in this week's issue.

### RESTRIPING RELIEF

What a relief! After months of waiting, Willamette Street is finally restriped! I have driven South Willamette Street half-a-dozen times since the restriping, and I must say that it greatly improves the driving experience.

No more being nervous about people changing lanes abruptly. No more waiting in line if you happen to be in the left lane for somebody to turn left. No more speeding! All it takes is one person doing the speed limit to bring traffic back to a reasonable pace.

In the past, I completely avoided Willamette Street due to the above issues. I really have no problems whatsoever driving it now. I haven't noticed any difference in how

long it takes to get from one end to the other.

My daughter has ridden her bike along Willamette Street a few times since the restriping and says that it is much more enjoyable, not to say possible, to ride a bike along Willamette Street now to commute or to go shopping. The pedestrians seem to feel safer too, since they are further away from the traffic. As soon as we get a day that's not incredibly hot, I plan to ride my bike there, too!

I hope everybody concludes at the end of the test period that this venture has been a success.

Good job, Eugene City Planning Department!

Duncan Rhodes  
Eugene

### WORK AND UNITY

Frank Skipton, in his June 2 letter, hit the proverbial nail on the head. Yes, Frank, "all power" once relegated to the people by the Oregon State Constitution has, over the last century, been re-allocated to government, corporations and their lobbyists. Our rights to the democratic, majority-driven determination over our own health and well-being have been cleverly reduced over 150 years.

The theft of our rights is deeply rooted. James Madison, a principle architect of the Federal Constitution, in explaining the new structure of law said that the purpose of the drafters was "to protect the minority

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