

Clusters of problems, by location

As identified by Stephanie Stewart from the December 2015 online traffic poll from MTNA

Issues related to the failing intersection at **SE 50th and SE Division**

31% of entries (count: 42/132)

This intersection does not drain adequately, leaving traffic to back up so badly in all directions that it is interfering with other intersections (SE 52nd/Div, SE 60th/Div, and SE 50th/Lincoln) and causing multiple cut-through problems (on Lincoln, on Hawthorne, on all of 51st – 58th between Hawthorne and Division). Intersection is not handling current loads, and development underway at this location adds hundred+ housing units at intersection.

- All directions at 50th/Division intersection need protected turns, or the traffic gets stuck behind a turner that can't turn.
- Poorly functioning 50th/Div leads to gridlock at 52nd/Div intersection. Left turns off 52nd/Div onto westbound Division can't move because Division isn't moving, so 52nd backs up. Left turns off Division onto southbound 52nd can't turn across the eastbound Division traffic, which further jams Division back towards 60th/Div.
- Poorly functioning 50th/Div backs traffic into the intersection at 50th/Lincoln, compounding bike visibility and safety issues there.
- Poorly functioning 50th/Division compounds all issues at 60th/Division intersection, leading to more back ups east of 60th.
- This intersection is the source of cut-through traffic on all streets between Hawthorne/Division and 51st - 59th.
- Congestion on Division is making drivers more frustrated, and making the pedestrian and bike access to Atkinson Elementary feel more dangerous. A signaled crossing is needed for kids to cross Division safely.
- Congestion is making it difficult to enter Division from any street. The Mt. Tabor yard workers and many others struggle to get out and onto Division.
- Restriping at southbound 50th and Powell has reduced through traffic going southeast on Foster to just one lane before the intersection, and traffic is now notably backed up north on 50th. Adds pressure to drivers just recently free of 50th/Div snarl. At 4:15 in the afternoon, it takes 13 minutes to get from 50th and Lincoln, through the intersection at 50th and Division, and through the intersection at 50th and Powell – this means traffic is moving at less than 5 miles/hr.

Issues related to improvements needed along **SE 60th** (especially at Belmont & Stark)

10.6% of entries (count: 14/132)

Attention is especially needed at the intersection at SE 60th and Belmont, and the intersection at SE 60th and Stark; but attention is needed along the entire 60th corridor.

- Poorly functioning intersections lead to cut-through traffic pouring onto local access streets of (58th, Yamhill, 62nd, Lincoln).
- Unprotected left turns block through traffic producing massive backups at SE Belmont and SE Stark.

- Speeding is an issue all along 60th, as frustrated drivers bolt through the few clear sections after having been stuck for too long in bad traffic at the intersections.
- Crosswalks are needed in the park section.
- Parking along 60th reduces visibility and makes the road feel more hazardous.

Issues centered around **SE 69th and Belmont/Yamhill**

6.8% of entries (count: 9/132)

This area has a staggered intersection with a bus route. It is under a lot of pressure from visitors to the park.

- Park event traffic and parking combine to cause gridlock. Buses cannot pass each other when area is fully parked, and this causes more gridlock.
- Trucks from 205 follow GPS and end up on streets they cannot navigate at their size. Needs “no truck” signage.
- Cut-through traffic barely honors stop signs.

Issues along **SE Thorburn**

6% of entries (count: 8/132)

Thorburn is what most people assume is Stark between 62nd and 70th. This is an area with significant hazards, and truly unsafe speeds and poor visibility. Thorburn is one of the most dangerous areas in our neighborhood, and it is currently a focus area for one organized group of neighbors. Past attempts to redirect this E/W traffic from Thorburn onto Burnside/Gilham have failed -- that route requires drivers to travel much further north than they want to go, and it requires drivers to go past a school with known traffic issues.

- no sidewalks, poor visibility, speeding cars

Issues around **Gilham/Thorburn/Burnside interchange**

6% of entries (count: 8/132)

A curving interchange with poor pedestrian mobility (no sidewalks in spots, not enough safe crossings), and speeding cars.

Issues regarding **safe routes to schools** (especially Glencoe and Atkinson)

4.5% of entries (count: 6/132)

- Speeders on Stark ignore crosswalks, even the improved ones, putting kids at risk.
- Frustrated drivers on Division are taking risks that endanger kids crossing streets.
- Drivers disregard crosswalks near all schools.
- There is still not a good east/west bike route for kids to take between Lincoln and Davis (important for access to Mt. Tabor Middle and Glencoe Elementary).
- A signaled crossing could be helpful at Burnside and 58th and 62nd for middle school kids.

Issues at **50th and Lincoln** intersection and bikeway

3% of entries (count: 4/132)

Lincoln bikeway is becoming less safe with 1) the additional cut-through traffic the neighborhood is experiencing, 2) construction blockages from new development at 50th/Lincoln, and 3) new driveway that development adds to intersection area.

Other **Burnside pedestrian** issues

3% of entries (count: 4/132)

- No sidewalks on Burnside between 67th and 68th
- No protected crossing between 68th and 82nd

Other comments received via MTNA poll

12% of entries (count: 17/132)

Bike safety

- lane needed between SE 82nd and SE 83rd (*not MTNA*)

Speeding

- Buses are speeding between 60th and 69th
- 53rd between Stark and Morrison
- 53rd between Glisan and Burnside (*not MTNA*)
- Speed needs to be reduced on SE 50th

Paving

- Belmont between 60 and 65th, potholes, etc.
- SE Mountain View Drive, slippery seal coat

Overgrown vegetation

- SE Mountain View Dr and Harrison
- All of upper Hawthorne, around 55th to 60th

Bad behavior

- “too many speeders and red light runners, everywhere”
- bikes and cars running stop sign at SE 55th and SE Hawthorne
- cars skipping light at SE 50th and Hawthorne, by using very narrow stretch of SE 49th to jog around Eagles Lodge

Visibility – poor on SE 67th, the steep part in the 400 block (?)

Stop signs – needed at SE 71st and Yamhill

Sidewalk – not contiguous between 72nd and 76th on Mill

Crosswalk – no protected crosswalks between 41st and 47th on Hawthorne (*not MTNA*)