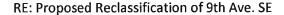
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The proposed reclassification of 9th Avenue SE from a local access street to a neighborhood collector street seems to directly benefit one entity, Medela LLC, to better accommodate automobile traffic onto Boulevard Road.

- 1. Even if it is upgraded to a neighborhood collector, there is only enough right of way for a sidewalk, not for bike lanes.
- 2. It would not have sidewalks on the other side of Boulevard Road, the current bus route.
- 3. It would not have sidewalks on the other side of Boulevard Road leading to Lyon's Park, the nearest park to the Medela LLC site.
- 4. It would still not make the Medela LLC site any more walkable, per the Comprehensive Plan, it is still over a quarter mile to Lyon's Park, Pacific Avenue (urban corridor) and Ralph's Thriftway (the nearest grocery store), thus encouraging a car-centric community, not the walkable/bikable/transit-oriented community that the Comprehensive Plan encourages.

Measurements were taken with a surveyor's wheel from the most reachable midpoint of the Medela site (2421 8th Ave) to the nearest edge of Lyon's Park, Ralph's Thriftway and the corner of Pacific and Boulevard.

- The nearest edge of Lyon's Park was
 - o 1,415ft
 - o 471 yards
 - o over 1/4 of a mile (440 yards=1/4mile)
- Ralph's Thriftway @ crosswalk on 4th Ave.
 - o 3,754ft
 - o 1,251 yards
 - o almost 3/4 of a mile one way
- Corner of Pacific Ave and Boulevard Road (nearest urban corridor)
 - o 2,126ft
 - o 708 yards
 - o close to 1/2 a mile

Please take this information into serious consideration.

Sincerely.

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