

Planning Commission 8/3/2015



RE: Proposed Reclassification of 9th Ave. SE

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

Please take this information into serious consideration.

Sincerely,

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