Citizen Testimony Written testimony by Karen Coury

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Sent:

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To:

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Subject:

Right of Way on Macy Street

City of Coburg

AUG 32022

Sammy,

I've written a public comment for the upcoming City Council meeting concerning opening up Macy Street. I won't be able to come myself, but could you pass this on to the correct people?

Thanks so much,

Karen

Dear City Council Members,

We have lived on N Harrison for 28 years. Our street is the sort of warm close neighborhood people dream of. I love living here. Over the years I have spent considerable time looking out my kitchen window as I cooked for our 4 boys. I enjoy watching the flow of Coburg residents as they walk and ride by. School kids ride bikes by in the morning and afternoon, the littler ones with parents. Often whole classrooms of kids travel through with their teachers and parents on a field trip, Arbor Day, or just an outing to the Norma Pheiffer Park. The church youth groups pass by on summer evenings to the park, as well. Older folks on an after dinner stroll, or younger parents pushing strollers first thing in the morning, exercise by. There is a natural pathway down my block, from the Park, to both the school, and the loop around town via the nature walk. It's quiet, very little traffic, and the perfect place to catch up in the middle of the street.

I am naturally concerned about opening up Macy Street to a new neighborhood that would encourage traffic on this little section of town. I certainly understand the need for access to the new neighborhood, but if you look at a map you'll see that my street from Locust to Van Duyn is perfect for pedestrian traffic and I would encourage you to guard this kid friendly street from becoming a traffic thoroughfare. N Harrison, both here, and South to the Park, is home to a large amount of foot traffic, the kind of travel we want to encourage in our citizens. Channeling traffic on specific corridors and setting aside small streets to remain quiet would be the perfect way to maintain the charm and livability of this lovely little town. I didn't know if you were aware of the sort of street N Harrison is, but I'll bet many of you have enjoyed a walk past my house. I would highly recommend you keep N Harrison on your list of quiet streets to protect.

Thank you for all you do for our town,

Karen Coury

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