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Hi Renee:

Hope you're staying healthy and well during this crazy time!

I suspect this isn't in your wheelhouse, but thought you might be able to direct me to the right folks to open a dialogue with...

I'm reaching out about making a change to the historic highway - not just during this pandemic but as a permanent change. I'm feeling the pandemic is creating an opportunity to have this conversation and to make it a reality in a way that hasn't felt possible before.

Specifically, I'm envisioning the road between Crown Point and the John B Yeon Trailhead being open to cars and bicycles in a way that is friendlier and more manageable for all. I'd like to see the road use changed to be one-way only for cars - they would use one lane and return along I-84. The other lane would be dedicated to bicycles, perhaps bikes could travel both ways perhaps not - depending on needs for pedestrians and safety.

I've no idea who to reach out to, but imagine it wouldn't be too hard to join or form a coalition of like-minded folks. And again, now feels like the right time as more and more cities close roads to cars and make space for pedestrians and bicycles. It's time to move toward a greener Gorge and embrace a slower pace on the old highway.

Looking forward to hearing your thoughts and suggestions. Many thanks for your time and your hard work on the Gorge towns to trails project. I'm a fan! You may or may not recall that we've met once or twice at various Friends events in the past.

In appreciation,
Amy