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As I have communicated to this "proposal" in the past and have not received any acknowledgement that my comments were received, I am again replying to this plan in hopes of at least receiving a return reply that it was received and noted as part of your records.

The current plan to change SE 34<sup>th</sup> for Safety and Mobility is wrong. There will cost a great deal of money to implement and will only result in further chaos and confusion for everyone using this area for any type of commuting. As a resident off of SE 34<sup>th</sup> for 8 years, we use it every day, both for driving and walking. It is true that a bike lane for the entire distance between 164<sup>th</sup> and 192<sup>nd</sup> is needed. However, the solution is to reduce the overgrown median up and down SE 34<sup>th</sup> to make room for the bike lanes.

The only solution to the routine speeding and the intermittent racing typically occurring between 12 and 4a.m. in this area, is a police presence which we rarely observe.

Sincerely,  
CL Gettle

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As someone whose house backs up to 34<sup>th</sup> street, I understand the intent and sentiment behind this proposed plan. The traffic noise is back to pre-pandemic levels and is a huge deterrent for wanting to spend time in the backyard. The main reason being that the city is growing and there is new construction and development all around.

However, the proposed plan of narrowing 34<sup>th</sup> street to single lanes each way will create a bottleneck and will make it extremely hard for folks like me trying to get onto 34<sup>th</sup> street from the surrounding neighborhoods. This will lead to traffic lights being needed in every cross street and cause a hinderance for everyone trying to run errands or get to work. Ultimately when the Vancouver Innovation Centre is redeveloped with all the new projects, the city will have to go back to the original two-lane road to accommodate the increased flow of traffic.

A better option would be to consider what is possible while retaining the two-lanes each way. There is room for a dedicated bike lane by widening and narrowing certain sections including the central divider.. And maybe installing sound barrier walls like has been done on the 18<sup>th</sup> street expansion could help ease the noise levels.

I sincerely hope that the City of Vancouver considers more creative solutions than going with the existing proposed plan for the SE 34<sup>th</sup> street project, keeping in mind the huge expansion that is coming up at the VIC.

Thank you for your time and everything you do!

Best,  
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