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To: Traffic Safety Commission

RE: Updated Meridian Street & Sheridan Street Intersection Pedestrian Safety Issue
Traffic Decision (File #TSC-20-005)

My sisters and I own three commercial buildings at the corner of N Meridian Street and E Sheridan Street. The addresses of the buildings are 207, 211 and 215 N Meridian Street.

Our tenants rely on street parking to supplement the parking on our property. We oppose any change to N Meridian Street that reduces street parking.

Elimination of parking on either side of N Meridian Street is detrimental to us. It makes our property less attractive to our tenants and their customers, ultimately taking value from our property.

The City had Greenlight Engineering study pedestrian crossings on N Meridian Street from E North Street to E Sheridan Street. They said there are no reported pedestrian crashes from 2009 through 2018. They recommended installing signage to alert vehicles that there might be pedestrians in the area. No signage has been added. College students are smart and don't need special treatment to cross a minor collector street.

Yellow curbs have been added to Meridian at almost every cross street from E Sheridan Street to E North Street—about sixteen yellow curbs in three blocks. These yellow curbs already improve sight distance at intersections. Increasing yellow curbs another 20 feet is redundant and wasteful of precious parking. It also sets a precedent—that cross walks deserve special treatment.

I don't think a college should be designing Newberg's roads.

Sincerely,

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