

"SWHRL urges PBOT to take into consideration more than just vehicles in this intersection; the easiest path, of course, is to make left turns from SW Hoffman prohibited, or perhaps making it one-way AWAY from SW Broadway Dr up to 2400 SW Hoffman or so. Of course, either of these would be a major disruption to traffic in the area, much of which is then diverted to a Safe Route To Schools route which has no sidewalks (SW Davenport St, which may be a Primary Investment Route). This allows uninterrupted traffic flow up and down SW Broadway Dr., which some may feel is the priority.

However, these solutions do **nothing** to improve pedestrian safety, and indeed would further endanger it by removing even the small window of safe passage if a car exiting SW Hoffman stops vehicles on SW Broadway Dr. Whatever solution PBOT engineers conceive, it **MUST** improve the ability of pedestrians to SAFELY CROSS at SW Hoffman Ave. We remind PBOT that it has pledged to improve pedestrian safety along this stretch of SW Broadway Dr., and that PBOT-mandated frontage improvements are scheduled for a development just west of this section. These projects will increase foot traffic. And, of course, the apartments and condos just uphill from this intersection contain some of Southwest Hills Residential League's most economically vulnerable residents, many of whom do not own a vehicle and must walk SW Broadway Dr. to transit, school or work. The steep 'Elevator Stairs' on SW Hoffman are not a viable option for many, residents and travellers alike.

The intersection of SW Hoffman and SW Broadway Dr is a dangerous blind corner for those attempting to cross from Hoffman, has no defined crosswalk, and the shortest route across the street leads to a narrow shoulder of some 18", bounded on one side by a steep cliff and the other by speeding traffic. Getting to a wider shoulder further downhill requires either walking downhill in the traffic lane, or taking a longer diagonal route across the roadway - either way, a pedestrian is in traffic.

This situation is unacceptable, will increase in hazard as more pedestrians, cyclists and scooters travel up and down this hill, and must *not* be made worse. SWHRL and residents appreciate the challenge of this location, the realities of budgets and the many priorities PBOT must address. However, we have confidence PBOT's skilled staff can come up with something that can be afforded and **ALSO** increases the ability of pedestrians to safely cross this intersection. Quite frankly, the solution stares us all in the face: making any *temporary* all-way stop signs **permanent**, and painting a crosswalk to guide pedestrians to the safest landing across SW Broadway Dr. We would hazard this could be done for \$5,000, mostly in paint and labor. We strongly encourage PBOT to consider this solution."