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Commissioners:

Overall, I'm pleased with city staff's implementation plan based on the recommendations of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Issues Task Force. It is a major step forward toward improving the well being of residents of all ages and abilities. I urge you to support it.

The most controversial element is active enforcement of the sidewalk maintenance ordinance. I think you can expect for this to be somewhat unpopular for the first few years as people get used to a new civic obligation. It will take some intestinal fortitude on your part to stay the course despite initial resistance.

The one part of the plan that is unclear to me is the money. The CIP budgets \$450,000 per year for non-motorized transportation. The plan calls for \$400,000+ to be used for curb ramp repair. That doesn't leave much for building out the ped-bike network. When I asked Dave Cronin about this, he indicated some of the curb ramp funding could come from another source. I'd like to see more transparency on this, so residents know how much in total will be spent and the sources of funds.

Thank you for your support of the task force's work. And thanks to staff for a commendable response.