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Will

I have rarely weighed in on matters involving the City of Shoreline in 20+ years since I have been overwhelmingly both pleased and delighted with the direction the City Manager and The Council have led this formative city BUT.....

I have to take exception with the current plan to “improve” (i.e. destroy) Richmond Beach Road. I understand the theory but sometimes theory and practicality do not mesh — and at least from my point of view that is the case here. There is no doubt that there are “issues” along Richmond Beach Road — most notably the dangerous 15th NW/Richmond Beach Road quasi-intersection. And there is no doubt that an occasional - VERY OCCASIONAL - biker is struggling to get up the hill or whizzzz down it but that is not an excuse or a legitimate reason to reconfigure (quite the politically “correct” term) but obviously a misnomer at the same time - the entire stretch of road.

Today, just for “jollies”, I happened to find myself behind a huge heavy asphalt truck at 20th NW and instead of doing what EVERYONE was doing... pass it in the inside lane, I decided to just “follow” it pretending there was only one lane which is, to my understanding, the proposed configuration. I have to admit that my propensity was to “pass” it which would greatly increase the possibility of an accident in a center-turn-lane configuration. Not having succumbed to that temptation, it took me 5.5 minutes to get up the hill. I actually went back to 20th and without the asphalt truck made it up the hill in significantly under 2 minutes. Now, I admit, I won’t miss those 3.5 minutes in my life but on a daily basis of 300 trips/year, that is 17.5 hours.

I am not a traffic engineer but if that is who the City has hired, I strongly suggest they hire a different smarter one.

DO NOT MAKE THIS CHANGE!!!!

And thank you for devoting your time to the City of Shoreline.

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