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Good evening,

Thank you all for your time in working to solve these issues in our city! I was hoping to be able to deliver this testimony in person, but in lieu of that, I would like to submit the following comment on bike/pedestrian framework in Hood River:

Everyone has been in agreement that – in particular – the pedestrian crosswalk/safety issues in the heights are of particular concern. During a conversation last week, I proposed an idea that I had seen elsewhere (refer to images below), that may be a great solution to the comorbidity of unsafe crosswalks and lack of bike parking we have going on up there.

Remove the car parking spot on either side of a crosswalk and replace with dedicated bike parking racks. This will allow drivers to more clearly see pedestrians that are waiting to traverse at the crosswalks and will help provide a ton more parking for a myriad of alternative vehicles (bikes, scooters, strollers, etc.) that can make use of that parking. This will also be useful for the rejuvenation vision of the heights district, if the idea is to have more people walking/shopping/living/eating up there and utilizing alternative transportation while they do.

Here are some images that illustrate what I am thinking. (Could also be an opportunity to incorporate more local art into the landscape too, with asphalt paintings like below.)





