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Hello Transportation Commission,

I saw recently Councilmember Briggs asked what the community thought our transportation goals and priorities should be, and I wanted to chime in as someone who rides the bus, bikes around town, and often drives from the northeast part of town to the downtown area and parks for events and shopping.

- 1) No right on red. Please if at all possible make this change, and make it citywide. The hazards of right on red are well known, and whenever I ride my bike around town or walk around, inevitably a driver tries to turn into me as I cross. People are not trained to look for pedestrians while turning right on red. It's extremely dangerous.
- 2) eliminate beg buttons. I can't tell you how many times on my bike commute down Plymouth or Huron Parkway I get to a signalized intersection and the "walk" sign remains red through the light cycle because nobody has pressed the beg button. It encourages dangerous crossing behavior when you must wait forever to get the pedestrian walk light. These should be automatic citywide.
- 3) more protected bike lanes outside downtown - with bollards and a way to prevent drivers from entering them and parking inside them. Someone patrolling to educate and ticket illegal parkers would also be welcome.

Thanks so much!

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