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To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing on behalf of the Homes Association of Cedar Hills, an association representing 2,114 households just north of the City of Beaverton in the urban area of Washington County. Over the past 4 years, the URMD has prioritized several safety improvement projects providing pedestrian paths to areas of the Homes Association of Cedar Hills. In 2012-2013 the pedestrian path project on 124th Avenue from Center Street to Fairfield was approved, in 2013-2014 improvements were approved for Butner Road from Cedar Hills Blvd. to Murray Blvd., and a further project on Butner Rd is recommended for approval in 2016-2017.

We are greatly appreciative for the efforts of the URMDAC in improving pedestrian safety in our neighborhood and offer our sincere thanks for all of your work to date. As we move into project submission and consideration for the 2017-2018 budget cycle, the Cedar Hills HOA would like to voice our support for the URMDAC to consider adding crosswalks and intersection improvements to their list of safety improvement candidates. The pedestrian path projects that have been funded to date have all been great improvements to the safety of our residents, and we feel that intersection improvements are a natural complement to improving safety and neighborhood connectivity.

Within our association we have two examples of roads where safety improvements in the form of improved crossings would be highly valued; over Walker Rd. at 123rd Avenue, and over Cedar Hills Blvd. at Huntington Avenue. These intersections are safety hazards for pedestrians and we feel are excellent examples of the kinds of projects that would fit well under the safety improvement mandate of the URMD funding. These kinds of projects would also significantly improve connectivity in our neighborhoods.

While in the past the county has rejected crosswalk submissions from our association residents to its Minor Betterments candidate list, we urge the URMDAC to consider accepting submissions for these kinds of projects in its solicitation this year. Crosswalk and intersection improvement projects offer significant potential for safety upgrades and enhanced connectivity, can be simple given straightforward right-of-way and drainage considerations, and are a win-win to the county, and to residents.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mark Swan
President
Homes Association of Cedar Hills





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Mark,

Thank you for your letter dated April 14, 2016, regarding Urban Road Maintenance District Safety Improvement projects, delivered to us by Barbara Dosicka at the April 20 meeting of the Urban Road Maintenance District Advisory Committee. Your letter expresses support for funding of crosswalks and intersection improvements through the URMD Safety Improvement program.

As you noted, crossing and intersection improvements are not considered as candidates for the URMD Safety Improvement program. They are also not eligible for funding through our road maintenance (gas tax revenue) program. Washington County has no funding to analyze and install crosswalks at mid-block locations or uncontrolled intersections (with no traffic signal or all-way stop).

However, the County's Board-adopted Mid-Block Crossing Policy allows others to pursue crossing improvements. This policy lays out a procedure whereby an applicant can take responsibility for analysis, design, and, if approved, construction. Applicants are typically park and trail providers, businesses or homeowners associations. You'll find information about this policy here: <http://www.co.washington.or.us/lut/mid-block-crossings.cfm>

Please let me know if I can provide further information.

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