

A letter from the President of the Old North End Neighborhood

Dear Neighbors,

It is with great excitement that I present the updated ONEN Street Safety Proposal. This document has taken much thought and negotiation by your ONEN Board members and it involved compromise and trust. This street safety plan for our neighborhood incorporates the forward-thinking ideas the City has [already announced](#), while including other measures that we will be pushing the City to implement to ensure the safety of all of our streets including our busiest street, North Nevada Avenue.

I know that many people have shared concerns regarding some of the City's plans. I would ask that all of you become informed before letting the scare tactics of a few color your opinion of what is to come. Our neighborhood is smarter than jumping on a bandwagon before understanding the facts. I would ask that you not complain to our elected officials before becoming fully informed about the details of the new plan. The city's proposal to try changing the configuration of Uintah St, Fontanero St, Cascade Ave and Weber St is forward thinking and may in fact change traffic patterns in ways we did not expect. The City has agreed to continue to collect traffic volume and speed counts to evaluate the impacts of the changes prior to making anything permanent. Your new ONEN plan asks for specific timing and encourages our neighborhood to be a part of that final decision.

I encourage you to read the new one-page [ONEN Street Safety Proposal](#). If you need more information, read the accompanying rationale and understand how this plan affects our neighborhood's future, in a positive way. Additionally, board members are more than willing to answer any questions you may have. This board has worked tirelessly to create this plan, which is not only attainable but moves our neighborhood toward being an even better place to live. More walkability, a sense of place, and embracing a variety of modes of transit were all key in the planning and decision-making process. We all agree speeds need to slow down. This is addressed. Traffic needs to be dispersed. This is addressed. Let's give innovation a chance. A new approach may be just what is needed to keep our neighborhood vital and desirable.

With that introduction, I encourage you to learn about our grand new plan by visiting [our website](#)

Thank you for your time in such an important matter.

Sincerely,

Samantha Klingenberg,

Lifelong resident of ONEN and your President