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Greetings to the members of the MMAC,
Simply put Central Avenue is a mess. We say we are a town where horses have the right away, Not on Central Ave. A while back, my wife was walking to Peirson park from the shopping center and was almost hit by a car running a red light. People think the street is a freeway.

A few years ago pedestrian crossings were installed and while they did help a bit they are not enough. We need to slow traffic down and make the area a true downtown and not a series of strip malls. A place where maybe you drive to downtown, get out of your car, walk to a store, get a bite to eat, or have a beer in the garden of Bigfoot, run some more errands and then go home. Just like most towns.

In fact When Bigfoot opened my wife and I were excited to walk there from our home. However, we live on the other side of Central and the one time I tried I did not really feel safe crossing this formidable barrier.

Unfortunately McKinleyville was not planned well and the entire town is designed around cars. It is truly hard for kids to ride their bikes to any of the schools. Many of the streets are not safe to walk. But it doesn't have to be this way! We can make changes to make our community so much better. Let's start with fixing Central Ave.

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"Life is what happens when you are busy making other plans"
~John Lennon~