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Dear Portlander,

Thank you for allowing me to take this opportunity to highlight a significant change to the Bureau of Environmental Services' (BES) construction budget, proposed by Mayor Adams and supported by Council, \$20 million dollars to construct Green Streets along designated bike boulevards over the next 3 years.

In the two weeks since Council acted, I have directed BES staff to prioritize these funds around areas of chronic basement flooding, thus creating the "Twofer" that seems a popular reference. And by "Twofer" I mean the construction of needed green streets in Portland's highest priority basement backup relief areas that have an added benefit of helping calm traffic along bike boulevards.

Let me be crystal clear, sewer rate dollars will only be used for improvements to the sewer and stormwater system. Bicycle safety is a secondary benefit, but will not add cost to sewer ratepayers. The BES map and memo linked below this statement show how the city will focus these dollars in neighborhoods with chronic basement flooding.

Over the next three years we will construct around 250 green street facilities in NE and SE Portland along designated bike routes. My rationale for joining the Council in this change to BES's construction budget has always been contingent on the rock solid guarantee that sewer and stormwater rate dollars will only be spent on BES's priorities, and this plan succeeds in that directive.

Sincerely,

Dan Saltzman