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Personally, I feel unsafe on the street.

Here's what we're missing out on if we don't build dedicated bicycle infrastructure:
+ More space for tree plantings.
+ Increased money spent at local businesses; cyclists spend more money each month at convenience stores and cafes than do drivers.
+ A wider sidewalk for elderly and handicapped residents.
+ Reduced carbon emissions
+ Improved resident mental and physical health.
+ Faster, more reliable bus service.
+ More working-class jobs in the construction of cycling infrastructure.
+ Reduced costs in maintaining the street; cycletracks don't need as much maintenance as auto parking spaces.
+ Better emergency vehicle access.
+ Easier, less costly snowplowing.

But most importantly…we're missing out on...

MORE BIKES. People feel safer on roads where they are not riding with the traffic, but are separated from it.

The 'Complete Street' plan presented at the Pearl Street open house does not do this completely. How ironic.