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Subject: Need for Signs at HAND Railroad Crossings

Thank you for building the Bob Stacey Crossing (previously Gideon Street Overpass), which is working well in most respects. One aspect remains a concern: some pedestrians and bicyclists waiting at the railroad crossing gates seem unaware there is a bridge nearby; reports are that some are still crossing over stopped railroad cars.

Site inspection shows that the view of the bridge from the north side of the SE Clinton/12th Avenue intersection is blocked by railroad cars. People at other spots may not be aware of the Crossing. Whatever the cause, clearly some folks are missing the safe route provided by the overpass.

Wayfinding signs that lead to the bridge exist on SE Clinton Street and on the SE Tilikum Way multi-use path. These don't help people who are standing at the crossing gates, waiting for the tracks to clear. Signs are needed on the North and South sides of 8th, 11th and 12th, positioned so that they are visible to folks waiting for a train to pass so they can cross.

Please make the signs explicit, such as:

When blocked, use the Overpass: one block east on Division (with a map or arrow)

These signs will complete the Crossing by informing the public about this new safety option and reduce the temptation to climb across stopped railroad cars. Informing the public with additional signage aligns well with Vision Zero's goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious Injuries.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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