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pollution, confused truck drivers, speeding drivers, and lack of infrastructure to support truck traffic on SE 26<sup>th</sup> and surrounding residential neighborhood through:

- 1) Submit Newspaper Articles and Editorials (Compile newspaper articles and letters-to-the-editor supporting transportation safety in your community and work to have them published.)
- 2) Stage a Media Event: March or event to raise awareness of truck traffic conflict on SE 26<sup>th</sup>, invite the media.

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