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Tuesday, October 18, 2016 2:45 PM

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Subject:

Council Item 1158: Keep Portland Moving Resolution - Letter of Support

Attachments:

TriMet Letter of Support for Keep Portland Moving.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter of support from TriMet in favor of PBOT's proposed Keep Portland Moving Resolution in anticipation of tomorrow's Council session.

Thank you

Kind Regards,

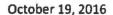
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Mayor Charles Hales Commissioner Steve Novick Commissioner Nick Fish Commissioner Amanda Fritz Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Dear Mayor Hales and Members of the Portland City Council;

On behalf of TriMet, I am pleased to express my support and endorsement for the Keep Portland Moving Resolution submitted by the Portland Bureau of Transportation. We at TriMet have a long history of collaboration with the Bureau of Transportation, from improving access to transit stops, to prioritizing snow removal on main bus routes, to standing together to raise pedestrian awareness and promote Vision Zero. We also teamed up with PBOT on earlier Keep Portland Moving campaigns, including during the Transit Mall construction in 2007-2009, in an effort to minimize the disruption to the traveling public. We are very excited about collaborating on Keep Portland Moving next year as well as it will be pivotal in helping our agencies and others better coordinate the large amount of construction planned that will require transit service disruptions, street closures and traffic detours.

We appreciate the focus on the Central City and Cully neighborhood as these are important areas where riders rely on our service. Keep Portland Moving will provide a broader view of the construction activity that may impact our projects' schedules. This coordination with other agencies will help identify conflicts during planning stages rather than during actual construction activity, so any adjustments possible can be made to increase the success of the projects and decrease the impact on the traveling public. The outcome of this effort could serve as a model for the rest of the city, improving project planning and community outreach on projects throughout our growing communities.

All of the participating organizations, including my own, understand the disruption that construction can have on the traveling public. Keep Portland Moving will help keep Portlanders informed and allow them to make different commute choices when traveling through the impacted areas. Most importantly, Keep Portland Moving can help communicate to Portlanders that downtown and Cully are open for business and provide information on how to navigate the areas as smoothly as possible. The actions proposed in this Resolution will help all of us work together to achieve better outcomes in these neighborhoods and for our overall community.

We at TriMet look forward to working with the City of Portland to implement the actions of this Resolution. We believe that we all stand to benefit from this improved communication and collaboration on projects and that it will ensure a successful construction season during which Portlanders are still able to get where they need to go.

Sincerely.

Neil McFarlane General Manager

TriMet



1120 SW Fifth Avenue, Room 1000, Portland, Oregon 97204 Nick Fish, Commissioner Michael Jordan, Director

October 17, 2016

Mayor Charles Hales Commissioner Steve Novick Commissioner Nick Fish Commissioner Amanda Fritz Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Dear Mayor Hales and Members of the Portland City Council;

On behalf of the Bureau of Environmental Services, I am pleased to express my support and endorsement for the Keep Portland Moving Resolution submitted by the Portland Bureau of Transportation. The Bureau of Environmental Services has a long history of collaboration with the Bureau of Transportation on projects to ensure the minimum disruption possible for the community. Keep Portland Moving next year will also help coordinate closures and detours because of the large amount of work anticipated. We look forward to working with the Bureau of Transportation to develop notifications and procedures that minimize disruption and are an effective and efficient use of sewer rate-payer dollars.

We appreciate the focus on the Central City and Cully neighborhood because this focus will help us become aware of conflicts and reduce the need for reacting to sudden changes because of conflicts we weren't aware of. In addition, Keep Portland Moving will allow for contact with other agencies for staging and phasing our work, closures, detours, and provide a broader view of the construction activity that may impact our project's schedule. The outcome of this effort could serve as a model for the rest of the city, improving project planning and community outreach on projects throughout our growing communities.

All of the participating organizations, including my own, understand the disruption that construction can have on Portlanders. Keep Portland Moving will help keep Portlanders informed and may result in different commute choices when traveling in the impacted areas. Most importantly, Keep Portland Moving can help communicate to Portlanders that downtown and Cully are open for business and give people the information they need to make coming to these destinations as smooth as possible. The actions proposed in this Resolution will help all of us working in these areas achieve better outcomes for our community.

We look forward to working with the Bureau of Transportation to implement the actions of this Resolution. We believe that we all stand to benefit from improved communication and collaboration on projects and look forward to ensuring a successful construction season with minimal disruptions for Portlanders.

Sincerely

Michael Jordan

Director

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