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From: Terri Preeg Riggsby <tpriggsby@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 7:00 PM
To: Wheeler, Mayor; Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Saltzman; Fish, Nick; Commissioner Eudaly; Council Clerk – Testimony
Cc: Bogert, Sylvia; Edwards, Elizabeth; Szigethy, Steven; Lear, Mark; Crail, Tim; Runkel, Marshall; Sam Pearson; Fitzgerald, Marianne; Chris Lyons
Subject: City Council Agenda Item 29, 2017 State Legislative Agenda: Support for the SW Capitol Hwy Project from TCWC

January 10, 2017

Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Chloe Eudaly
Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Portland City Hall
1221 SW 4th Avenue
Portland, OR 97204

Re: Funding for the SW Capitol Highway Improvement Project – Legislative Request

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Eudaly, and Saltzman:

On behalf of the Tryon Creek Watershed Council, I want to express our support for the SW Capitol Highway Improvement project. **Please include in the city's legislative agenda a request for \$2 million in state funds in order to complete construction of the SW Capitol Highway improvement project, including stormwater upgrades.**

This section of SW Portland is in desperate need of stormwater improvements, particularly along the busy arterial through Ashcreek, Multnomah, and other local neighborhoods. Stormwater runoff from SW Capitol Highway between Barbur Boulevard and Multnomah Village significantly contributes to pollutants entering local tributaries, through the mainstem of Tryon Creek to the confluence with the Willamette River.

In addition to improving the safety and accessibility of multi-modal transportation, stormwater improvements will ensure cleaner and cooler water throughout the Tryon Creek watershed, and in support of local wildlife.

We understand that \$3.3 million will be dedicated to this project through the Fixing Our Streets fund, and that Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) and Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) have verbally committed additional project funds. However, the City needs legislative funds to close the gap on the project's estimated \$12 million total.

Again, please include a legislative request for \$2 million to leverage city funds in order to complete the SW Capitol Highway improvement project.

Please contact me via the information below with any questions.

Thank you,
<via email>

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Tryon Creek Watershed Council, At-Large
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cc: Elizabeth Edwards, Portland Office of Government Relations
Steve Szigethy, Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) Project Manager
Mark Lear, PBOT Office of Legislative & Resource Development
Chris Lyons, MNA SW Capitol Highway Subcommittee

Sam Pearson, SWNI Chair
Sylvia Bogert, SWNI Executive Director

Marianne Fitzgerald, SWNI Volunteer

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From: Marianne Fitzgerald <fitzgerald.marianne@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 11:37 AM
To: Wheeler, Mayor; Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Saltzman; Fish, Nick; Commissioner Eudaly; Council Clerk – Testimony
Cc: Bogert, Sylvia; Finn, Brendan; Edwards, Elizabeth; Szigethy, Steven; Lear, Mark; Blackwood, Jim; Crail, Tim; Runkel, Marshall; Sam Pearson; David Martin; Stephan Lewis; Randy M. Bonella; Jason Lensch; Dean Smith; Chris Lyons; Terri Preeg Riggsby; Chisek, Kyle
Subject: City Council Agenda Item 29, 2017 State Legislative Agenda
Attachments: SWNI Ltr Capitol Hwy 11-30-2016.pdf; MNA Capitol Highway Letter to City of Portland 12-13-16.pdf; MVBACapitol_hwy_JL.pdf; Ltr_City Council_SW Capitol Highway project_11-23-2016.pdf

Dear Mayor Wheeler and members of the Portland City Council:

Please accept the attached letters as testimony in support of the City of Portland's State Legislative Agenda Sustainable Transportation Initiative, and in particular, much-needed improvements to SW Capitol Highway. The letters are from Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI), Multnomah Neighborhood Association, Multnomah Village Business Association, and Ashcreek Neighborhood Association.

We previously submitted the letters prior to the work session, but wanted to confirm our support prior to the City Council discussions regarding Agenda Item 29 on Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

Thank you very much for including this project in the State Legislative Agenda. We look forward to working with you and your staff to secure additional funding to make the road system safer for all users, and construct sidewalks, bike lanes, stormwater facilities and safety improvements on SW Capitol Highway between Multnomah Village and West Portland.

Sincerely,

Marianne Fitzgerald, SWNI Volunteer
on behalf of SWNI, Multnomah Village Business Association, and the Multnomah and Ashcreek Neighborhood Associations

On 11/30/2016 5:26 PM, Sylvia Bogert wrote:

Dear Mayor Hales and members of the Portland City Council,

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., (SWNI) and Multnomah Village Business Association (MVBA) are requesting Portland City Council's support to include the Capitol Highway project into the city's legislative agenda for the 2017 Oregon Legislative Session as follows:

SW Capitol Highway Funding: Advocate for \$2 million in state funding to leverage city funding and support multimodal and stormwater improvements on SW Capitol Highway between Multnomah Village and Barbur Blvd. This project is vital to improving safety, accessibility, and water quality on a key Portland arterial that serves thousands of residents on a daily basis.

Residents and businesses in SW Portland have advocated for over 20 years for construction of needed bicycle and sidewalk improvements on this strategic “green link” of SW Capitol Highway, which connects Multnomah Village and West Portland Town Center. It is critical that this project be funded in the 2017 Legislative Session because the city’s “Fixing Our Streets” project schedule has improvements slated for construction in 2019-2020. Please see our attached letters for complete details

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November 28, 2016

Mayor Charlie Hales and members of the Portland City Council
City of Portland
1221 SW 4th Avenue
Portland, OR 97204

Re: Seeking Support for Funding for SW Capitol Highway

Dear Mayor Hales and Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Novick and Saltzman:

Many areas of SW Portland lack pedestrian and bicycle transportation systems needed to help people safely access transit, shops, schools, parks and services. Residents and businesses in SW Portland have advocated for over 20 years for construction of needed bicycle and sidewalk improvements on SW Capitol Highway between Multnomah Blvd. and Barbur Blvd., which serves as the strategic "green link" connecting Multnomah Village and West Portland Town Center.

We are grateful for the Bureau of Transportation's recent commitment of \$3.3 million in gas tax funds to construct this project. We also appreciate verbal support from the Bureau of Environmental Services and PBOT for additional needed funds. Unfortunately there remains a shortfall to achieve the estimated project cost of \$12 million.

As you prepare for the 2017 state legislative session, we ask you to include in the city's legislative agenda a request for \$2 million in state funds to leverage other city funds in order to construct the needed bicycle, pedestrian, and stormwater improvements between Multnomah Village and West Portland with a design that is safe for all users.

If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Fitzgerald, SWNI volunteer, at fitzgerald.marianne@gmail.com, or (503) 246-1847.

Sincerely,

Sam Pearson
President
Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.

cc: Elizabeth Edwards, Portland Office of Government Relations
Steve Szigethy, Portland Bureau of Transportation Project Manager for SW Capitol Hwy
Mark Lear and Shoshana Cohen, PBOT Office of Legislative & Resource Development
Mayor-elect Ted Wheeler
Commissioner-elect Chloe Eudaly c/o Marshall Runkel
Marianne Fitzgerald, SWNI and Chris Lyons, Multnomah Neighborhood Association

December 13, 2016

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

Portland City Hall
1221 SW 4th Avenue
Portland, OR 97204

Re: Funding for the SW Capitol Highway Improvement Project

Dear Mayor Hales and Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Novick, and Saltzman:

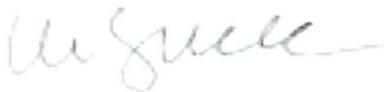
On behalf of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association, I am writing today in support of the SW Capitol Highway Improvement Project. For more than 20 years, residents and businesses in SW Portland have advocated for needed multimodal and stormwater improvements on this busy arterial that cuts through the heart of the Multnomah neighborhood. As you know, this project would add sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and stormwater infrastructure to the SW Capitol Highway corridor between SW Multnomah Boulevard and SW Barbur Boulevard.

We greatly appreciate the Bureau of Transportation's (PBOT) recent dedication of \$3.3 million through Fixing Our Streets to partially fund this project, along with verbal commitments for additional funds from the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) and PBOT. We are closer than ever before to finally making this project a reality. However, there remains a shortfall to achieve the estimated project cost of \$12 million.

As you prepare for the 2017 state legislative session, **we respectfully ask that you include in the city's legislative agenda a request for \$2 million in state funds to leverage other city funds in order to construct the needed bicycle, pedestrian, and stormwater improvements between SW Multnomah Village and SW Barbur Boulevard with a design that is safe for all users.**

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Lyons, Chair of MNA's SW Capitol Highway Subcommittee, at chrislyons7@yahoo.com or 503-504-5161.

Sincerely,



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President
Multnomah Neighborhood Association

cc: Elizabeth Edwards, Portland Office of Government Relations
Steve Szigethy, Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) Project Manager
Mark Lear and Shoshana Cohen, PBOT Office of Legislative & Resource Development
David Martin, SWNI Transportation Committee Chair
Katherine Christensen, Multnomah Transportation Chair
Chris Lyons, MNA SW Capitol Highway Subcommittee



MULTNOMAH VILLAGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
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November 29, 2016

Mayor and Commissioners
City of Portland

Re: Capitol Highway Improvement Plan

Dear Mayor and City of Portland Commissioners,

The Multnomah Village Business Association has been and continues to be in full support of the SW Capitol Highway improvement project from Multnomah Village South to Barbur Blvd. This is a crucial project to ensure the long term economic health of Multnomah Village.

We are asking you to include the SW Capitol Highway project on the City of Portland's legislative agenda for State funding with the request for \$2,000,000 to close the gap on the \$12,000,000 project. We are also requesting that the City of Portland fulfill its commitment of BES, PBOT and other funding that allows the project to tap the TSDC matching funds to construct sidewalks, bicycle paths and storm-water improvements needed between Multnomah Village and West Portland Crossroads.

We thank you for your support of our community and we look forward to seeing this formally on the City of Portland's Legislative agenda. We also look forward to the ribbon-cutting celebration when this long-awaited project is finally complete.

Sincerely,

Jason Lensch
Multnomah Village Business Association - President



Ashcreek Neighborhood Association

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November 25, 2016

Mayor Charlie Hales
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Steve Novick
Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Portland City Hall
1221SW 4th Avenue
Portland, OR 97204

Re: SW Capitol Highway Project

Dear Mayor Hales and Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Novick and Saltzman:

The Ashcreek Neighborhood Association borders on SW Capitol Highway in the section between SW Marigold and SW Taylors Ferry road. We have long been concerned that this important arterial – which provides access from southwest Portland to the Barbur Crossroads, Portland Community College and north/south access to I-5 – needs significant enhancements to support the multiple transportation options that serve current needs as well as future population growth on the west side of Portland.

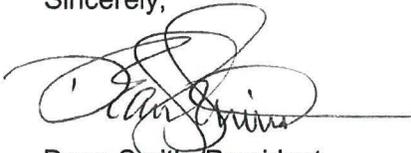
As you well know, many areas of SW Portland are deficient in pedestrian and bicycle transportation facilities needed for safe access to schools, businesses, parks and other services. Over the past several decades, SW Capitol highway has become an increasingly important and high-volume volume arterial supporting multiple transportation modes – auto, truck, bus, bicycle and pedestrian. It has been a high priority of Ashcreek and other neighborhoods in the area to construct needed bicycle and sidewalk improvements between Multnomah Blvd. and Barbur Blvd. – particularly important now as the City encourages alternative transportation modes and this critical link to local and regional services grows in importance. It is an critical link connecting Multnomah Village and West Portland Town Center (Crossroads), which is very likely to be a regional light-rail transit stop in the future.

We vigorously applaud the Bureau of Transportation's commitment of \$3.3 million in gas tax funds to construct this project, which would include bicycle lane, sidewalk and stormwater improvements. We're very happy as well to learn that the Bureau of Environmental Services and PBOT have been supportive of finding additional City funding for the project.

Unfortunately there remains a significant shortfall to fund the estimated project cost of \$12 million. As a result, we strongly encourage you to include in the City's legislative agenda a request for \$2 million in state funds to leverage other City funds for this important project, which is long overdue and will provide a crucial transportation route that is safe for all users.

If you have any questions, please feel contact me at smithd1111@comcast.net or by phone at 503-351-0521. Or, you also can reach out to Marianne Fitzgerald, Ashcreek's transportation chair, at fitzgerald.marianne@gmail.com or by phone at 503-246-1847.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Smith", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Dean Smith, President
Ashcreek Neighborhood Association
c/o Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.
7688 SW Capitol Highway
Portland, OR 97219

Cc: Roger Averbeck, SWNI Transportation Committee Chair
Marianne Fitzgerald, Ashcreek Transportation Chair