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To: Planning and Sustainability Commission <psc@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: 4/24 PCS briefing on Madison Plaza/PAM

Thank you for holding a PCS hearing/briefing on the Portland Art Museum's request regarding the vacation ordinance governing Madison Plaza. Below is the written testimony I sent earlier this week to the members of the City Council.

I am writing in opposition to the Portland Art Museum's proposal for the change of an existing ordinance to accommodate an expansion plan. I am a patron member and donor of the Portland Art Museum, but do not support the closing of the Madison Plaza passageway for the benefit of a private organization.

In numerous public presentations on its expansion plans Museum personnel have made it clear that the Museum has no interest in exploring any accommodation to the existing ordinance which requires a permanent pedestrian easement open and illuminated between 7 AM and 11 PM. This sanctioned pedestrian easement is heavily used by commuters, residents, and visitors/tourists during the days and hours that the Museum is closed. If the CC2035 plan calls for increased pedestrian-friendly areas why would Portland remove a long-existing permanent pedestrian link for its citizens to the benefit of a fee-based private organization? It appears to be a give-away of public property.

I ask you to vote to deny any change to the existing pedestrian easement between SW 10th Avenue and SW Park.

Sincerely yours,

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