# AMENDMENT TO ITEM 640

188458

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## **Replace Section 1, #8 with the following language:**

8. The Interim Project, including associated retaining walls and fill slopes, is located in the Central City Plan District, South Waterfront Subdistrict Greenway Overlay Zone and landward from the top of bank of the Willamette River as illustrated in Exhibit A. Fill and structures are subject to Design Review and Greenway Review per Portland City Code 33.510.253; and

### Amend Section 1, d with the following:

d. That the final design of SW Meade Street, shall be subject to all necessary land use reviews, including design review and greenway review., or shall be dedicated as city right-of-way and constructed under a Public Works Permit in which case land use and design reviews would be exempted.

# **IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** \*Authorize the Bureau of Development Services to permit environmental remediation of the SW Meade Street interim improvements, and the Portland Bureau of Transportation to permit construction of the SW Meade Street interim improvements, under the authority of the City Engineer and without land use review approval. (Ordinance)

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#### Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This ordinance will authorize the Bureau of Development Services (BDS) to permit environmental remediation and the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) to permit construction of the SW Meade Interim project without land use reviews that otherwise would be redundant with existing City purviews including the City Engineer and the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES).

SW Meade is a connector street between SW Moody Avenue and SW Bond Avenue in the South Waterfront area. The project will provide access to the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Schnitzer Campus.

On February 17, 2016 City Council adopted Resolution 37189 amending the *South Waterfront Street Plan, Criteria and Standards* to realign SW Bond Avenue Extension Phase 1 to better facilitate adjacent site development and provide access to public amenities including the Willamette Greenway. That resolution also directed the City to construct Phase 1 in an interim fashion, followed by a collaborative process involving adjacent property owners and the Portland Design Commission to design final improvements in accordance with the Special Design Area indicated in the Street Plan. On September 28, 2016, City Council authorized Ordinance 188009 to permit the construction and environmental remediation for SW Bond Avenue.

Construction of the interim improvements for SW Bond Avenue are underway.

Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) is performing the environmental remediation of the portion of its property where SW Bond Avenue Extension Phase 1 will be built and desires to continue the environmental remediation for SW Meade Street (immediately adjacent to SW Bond Avenue improvements).

City land use and zoning codes, found in Title 33, do not offer a straightforward approach for reviewing and permitting the construction of a new road outside the context of a subdivision. Similarly, the proposed environmental remediation work does not have a clear land use review path, as it will result in the site having essentially the same topography before and after remediation.

Absent this ordinance, OHSU would need to pursue Type III Design Review, Greenway Review and potentially other reviews, resulting in a time loss of completing the environmental remediation and requiring their contractor to demobilize and remobilize, adding unnecessary expense to the work.

Because the SW Meade interim improvements and associated environmental remediation already have ample oversight by City and state agencies, and because OHSU will be required to engage BDS and PBOT at a future date when final improvements are designed and constructed, this ordinance proposes to waive land use reviews for the interim improvements and remediation to save time and public and private resources.

### Financial and budgetary impacts:

There is no cost to the City for this Ordinance. There is staff time savings by authorizing this Ordinance.

#### Community impacts and community involvement:

This ordinance causes no community impacts. SW Meade Street is a connector street between SW Bond Avenue and SW Moody street and will allow for additional circulation in the South Waterfront District. There has been input from district stakeholders, community, and property owners during the development of the *North Macadam Urban Renewal Plan (1999)*, the *South Waterfront Plan (2002)*, the *South Waterfront Street Plan, Criteria and Standards (2003)*, the *North Macadam Transportation Development Strategy (2009)* and subsequent amendments to those plans as recently as February 2016.

# **Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

 Does this action change appropriations?

 □ YES: Please complete the information below.

 □ NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

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