

May 14, 2018,

PBOT Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Mayor Ted Wheeler
PBOT Director Leah Treat
PBOT Finance Director Art Pearce
PBOT SG Bridge Project Mgr. Dan Layden

Re: Sullivan's Gulch or Rose Quarter to Gorge Trail Engineering and Development Plan

On July 25, 2012, the Portland City Council approved the Sullivan's Gulch Trail Concept Plan by Resolution #36947. It is a five mile bicycle corridor along the north bank of I-84 between Gateway Green and the Willamette River, which will eventually connect with parks along the Columbia River and Multnomah Falls. The Resolution directed City staff to allocate funding and develop the SG Trail. Since 2012, PBOT has ignored private/public partnership funding attempts by stakeholders and changed the SGT Concept Plan without proper public process approval.

PBOT is now planning the Sullivan's Gulch Bridge across I-84 at NE 7th without specific connections to the SG Trail, though it was recommended in the 2012 SGT Concept Plan. This \$12.5 million SG Bridge project is being planned without a Citizens Involvement Committee nor a Destination Survey. As stakeholders concerned about safety, we have recently learned that PBOT is planning to direct the majority of future bridge users to traverse the south sidewalk of Lloyd Blvd. and across dangerous intersections at Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Grand Ave. instead of traveling a much safer 2,200 ft. SG Trail section under these two traffic arteries. Without proper plans, PBOT overestimates the cost of their poorly conceived alternatives at \$18 and \$22 million to discourage serious consideration of building the safer Sullivan's Gulch Trail alternative. SGT Concept Plan contractor, CH2MHill, estimated the cost of the total five mile Trail all the way to Gateway Green, at \$36 million. Now PBOT suggests it will cost \$105 million without more detailed plans and describes the SG Trail as "presents significant personal safety concerns."

In any major development project proper timing is essential or the opportunity is lost forever. Six major projects are in the planning stages or being built now along I-84, between the Willamette River and NE 33rd. These developments will increase future property tax revenue that can help fund the SG Trail development by offering a Vision Zero and congestion pricing corridor alternative adjacent to I-84. Most importantly, the SG Bridge forces the need for the safe, efficient and well connected SG Trail to service dense NE/SE Portland.

Based on recent history it is clear that there is no interest and motivation by City staff to take the lead to develop the SG Trail. The need is obvious now so the recently formed, Rose Quarter to Gorge Trail Committee has decided to apply for 501c3 status and work with the City in partnership to develop a new transportation corridor. As a non-profit we will be asking public and private property owners to give us a 20 foot easement for RQG Trail development, structure a funding plan, engineer and develop the corridor. Therefore as we process forming a non-profit we ask the City to agree to the following basic needs to proceed:

1. The Rose Quarter to Gorge Committee (RQGTC) is to work in partnership with PBOT and the City Attorney to draft an Addendum to Resolution #36347.
2. The City of Portland is to recognize that RQGTC is the sole private entity to develop the Rose Quarter to Gorge Trail for bicyclists and pedestrians.
3. The City will grant a 20 foot wide easement of property owned by the City near the top of the north bank of I-84 between the Peace Memorial Park and NE 162nd. (Specific surveyed land will be forthcoming)
4. Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) to appoint a designated staff person to help in the RQG Trail permitting and development as part of the RQGTC team of contractors and other public officials.
5. RQGTC will seek private, Metro, State and City funds to help engineer and develop the Rose Quarter to Gorge Trail.
6. The City of Portland agrees to transfer \$2 million designated for Multnomah Street bikeway improvements and \$1 million for Lloyd Blvds. south sidewalk bikeway improvements for engineering and development of the RQGT from the Peace Memorial Park to NE 21st.
7. The City of Portland agrees to help work with Union Pacific and RQGTC for corridor right of way easement right transfers when needed.
8. RQGTC will do everything within its power to work with private property owners in property easement transfers by securing fair property appraisals for tax deductions. If needed the City will use eminent domain powers to help in property easement transfers for the new corridor.

Sincerely,

Joe Angel, SGT property owner
Pat Kessi, CEO, PHK Dev., 2020 NE Mult. Condos
Derald Walker, CEO, Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare
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**PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION REQUEST
Wednesday Council Meeting 9:30 AM**

Council Meeting Date: May 30, 2018

Today's Date 3/28/18

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Reason for the request:

Sutton's Golden Trail; Cascadia High
Speed Rail

(signed)

- Give your request in writing to the Council Clerk's office to schedule a date for your Communication. Use this form or email the information to the Council Clerk at the email address below.
- You will be placed on the Wednesday official Council Agenda as a "Communication." Communications are the first item on the Agenda and are taken at 9:30 a.m. A total of five Communications may be scheduled. Individuals must schedule their own Communication.
- You will have 3 minutes to speak and may also submit written testimony before or at the meeting. Communications allow the Council to hear issues that interest our citizens, but do not allow an opportunity for dialogue.

Thank you for being an active participant in your City government.

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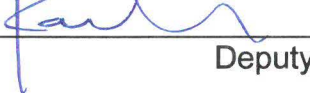
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Request of Brad Perkins to address Council regarding Sullivan's Gulch
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