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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Rina Jimmerson <rina@ceic.cc>
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 9:45 AM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Cc: Kate Merrill
Subject: CEIC Letter regarding Division Transit Project
Attachments: Division Transit Project letter to Council.pdf

Monday, August 13, 2018

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Portland City Council
Portland City Hall 1120 SW 4th Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97204

SUBJECT : Status report on the progress towards the actions and items listed in the Division Transit Project locally – Item #864 on August 15th City Council Agenda

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners,

This week's City Council Agenda is set to accept " the status report on the progress towards the actions and items listed in the Division Transit Project locally".

As the Central Eastside Industrial Council, we would like to bring to your attention that since the month of May 2018 (several e-mail exchanges with both can be provided), we have been trying to get TriMet and PBOT to directly inform users of the Division and 12th intersection that there will be no more left turn once construction begins.

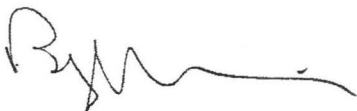
We have been told that "data was to be collected during rush hour" and that "prior to finalizing this change however, Trimet will certainly plan to share findings with the CEIC." Unfortunately, findings have yet to be discussed with the CEIC. Also, we would like the impact to freight during non-peak hours to be evaluated as well as there is a higher freight demand during these hours.

We have on multiple occasions, suggested that a sign be installed at that intersection stating the left turn from Division onto 12th north bound may be removed. The sign would certainly encourage feedback provided it indicated a contact number or email address. We believe that this sign would give TriMet the best outreach and the comments will help TriMet engineers figure out how to address freight concerns either by changing the intersection or offering alternate routes.

The Central Eastside is an industrial sanctuary with legacy companies that need to thrive in this district. This type of outreach is essential in making sure that we notify all users as there is also a potential conflict with certain schools in some nearby Neighborhood districts as well. The problem is that most people are not aware of this major change.

We would greatly appreciate if you could work with TriMet and PBOT to install the outreach sign as soon as possible so that all users of the area be informed effectively, especially freight.

Thank you for your consideration.



Brad Malsin

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Bertelsen, April
Sent: Thursday, August 9, 2018 12:32 PM
To: Moore-Love, Karla; Council Clerk – Testimony
Cc: Grumm, Matt; Boyle, Teresa; Markgraf, Tom; Serrano, Wendy
Subject: FW: FW: City Council Hearing for DTP 8/9
Attachments: DMA- Letter of Testimony_DTP_892018.jpg

Importance: High

Hello Karla,

I am forwarding you this written testimony for our Division Transit Project agenda items 834/844 on Thursday at 2 PM. Please distribute and add to the record. Lisha Shrestha, Division Midway Alliance Executive Director is unable to attend and testify in person as previously planned.

Thank you!

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April Bertelsen | Senior Transportation Planner

Pronouns: She/Her

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From: Serrano, Wendy <SerranoW@TriMet.org>

Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2018 11:56 AM

To: Bertelsen, April <April.Bertelsen@portlandoregon.gov>

Cc: Markgraf, Tom <markgrat@TriMet.org>; Fall, John <FallJ@trimet.org>; Egnew, Coral <EgnewC@trimet.org>

Subject: FW: FW: City Council Hearing for DTP 8/9

Importance: High

Hi April,

Lisha from DMA won't be able to attend the hearing in person today but she sent us her testimony in a letter. Can you please include this to be read to council?

Thank you,
Wendy

From: Lisha Shrestha <lisha@divisionmidway.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 9, 2018 11:49 AM
To: Serrano, Wendy <SerranoW@TriMet.org>
Subject: Re: FW: City Council Hearing for DTP 8/9

Hi Wendy,

Here is the letter.

Thanks,
Lisha

Lisha Shrestha

Executive Director

Division Midway Alliance

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On Thu, Aug 9, 2018 at 10:27 AM, Lisha Shrestha <lisha@divisionmidway.org> wrote:

Thanks. Can you tell me if DMA ever signed the MOU last year. I saw a letter from Leah Treat noting the concern of business owners and Lori Boisen. I am not sure if DMA agreed on that. I just want to make sure my testimony does not negate what was decided earlier by DMA.

Lisha Shrestha

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On Thu, Aug 9, 2018 at 10:16 AM, Serrano, Wendy <SerranoW@trimet.org> wrote:

Hi Lisha,

Just highlighted a couple of edits. Thank you so much for attending. Let me know if you need anything else from me. See you around 2pm ☺

Good afternoon Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners,

I am Lisha Shrestha, executive director of Division Midway Alliance.

As you all know East Portland is home to many diverse communities- blending mainstream, ethnic stream and newcomer immigrant and refugee communities.

Geographically, DMA is uniquely located in a diverse and demographically rapidly changing district. It is our responsibility to serve, inform, reach out and engage residents, local businesses with any infrastructure development and changes in the area and this includes Division Transit Project.

In order to support the project's engagement effort, 90 community members were informed about PBOT safety and Division transit project in January. Such educational sessions help residents not only to

understand the project better but also help build trust on the projects undertaken by a government entity.

Our community visioning session with five different language groups conducted in May 2018 informs us that most of the residents are transit users and need more training and education on transit and pedestrian safety.

Most of them are renters therefore are concerned of losing their place with new property development and value appreciation. Most of these concerns are addressed in the MOU for transit project locally preferred alternative.

The proper implementation of the plan would be effective if engagement efforts are carried on the ground with representation from NPIs like Division Midway Alliance and Jade district. In this way, we can mobilize a local organizer and outreach person to engage residents and local businesses.

If the City and TriMet implement this project, it will make a huge difference to the people we serve in SE Portland.

Therefore, I request the city council to support the Division Transit Add package.

Lisha Shrestha

Executive Director

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Workdays: Wednesdays and Fridays

On Thu, Aug 2, 2018 at 10:51 AM, Serrano, Wendy <SerranoW@trimet.org> wrote:

Awesome Lisha. Attached are some FAQ's that could be helpful. I have signed you up as well as Duncan so you guys have priority speaking. You just have to show up by 2pm on Thursday August 9th at City Hall – 1221 SW Fourth Avenue .

When doing public testimony I think it's always helpful to keep it simple.

Script example:

"My name is Lisha Shrestha, I'm the Division Midway Alliance, Executive Director and I support Division Transit Project because it will improve amenities at bus stops through the DMA district and community members will now have weather protection, light at bus stops and a better performing service to get to their destination..."

You can add what you feel fits best but that's an example. Let me know if you need anything else from me. You have about 3 minutes to testify. Thank you so much for participating and let me know how I can help.

Wendy

From: Lisha Shrestha <lisha@divisionmidway.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 9:05 AM
To: Serrano, Wendy <SerranoW@TriMet.org>
Subject: Re: City Council Hearing for DTP 8/9

Hi Wendy,

Yes, I will testify at the hearing. Do you have a template that I can edit? I will send for you to review by next Tuesday.

Thanks,

Lisha

Lisha Shrestha

Executive Director

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On Tue, Jul 31, 2018 at 9:12 AM, Serrano, Wendy <SerranoW@trimet.org> wrote:

Hi Lisha,

I didn't have a chance to connect with you last Friday but I wanted to ask if you could come testify or do a letter of support for the Division Transit Project hearing? I know the time is not the most ideal but as we talked at the last meeting, it is on Thursday August 9th at 2pm at City Council Chambers. I know Duncan is coming to represent APANO, so I wanted to ask you and see if you were interested in testifying for DMA.

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Let me know if this works for you.

Best,

Wendy Serrano

Communtiy Affairs

T: 503.962.2540 E:serranow@trimet.org



August 9, 2018

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

Re: Division Transit Project Locally Preferred Alternative

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Chloe Eudaly, Nick Fish, Amanda Fritz and Dan Saltzman,

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If the City and TriMet implement this project in collaboration with community partners/organizations, it will make a huge difference to the people we serve in the SE Portland.

Respectfully,

Lisha Shrestha
Executive Director
Division Midway Alliance for Community Improvement
Cc: Portland City Council Clerk

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Bertelsen, April
Sent: Thursday, August 9, 2018 9:39 AM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony; Moore-Love, Karla
Cc: Markgraf, Tom; Grumm, Matt; Boyle, Teresa
Subject: Fwd: PCC Letter of support - Division Transit Project
Attachments: DTP LPA Letter of Support.pdf; ATT00001.htm

More written testimony to share with City Council for the Division Transit Project agenda time today. See attached.

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From: Markgraf, Tom <markgrat@trimet.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 9, 2018 8:46 AM
To: Bertelsen, April
Cc: Fall, John; Serrano, Wendy
Subject: FW: PCC Letter

April!

Here it is.

Please squeeze it into the packet and thank you!

See you this afternoon and cross your fingers. If you need any last minute things from us, my cell is 503 752 2597.

Tom

From: Serrano, Wendy
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2018 8:27 AM
To: Markgraf, Tom <markgrat@TriMet.org>
Subject: Fwd: PCC Letter

Here is the letter. Just got it.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Amy Bader <amy.bader1@pcc.edu>
Date: August 9, 2018 at 8:14:55 AM PDT
To: "Serrano, Wendy" <SerranoW@trimet.org>
Subject: Re: PCC Letter

Here you go Wendy! Good luck today!

Best,

Amy

Amy Bader

(Pronouns: she/her/hers)

**Interim Community Relations Manager
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On Thu, Aug 9, 2018 at 7:31 AM, Amy Bader <amy.bader1@pcc.edu> wrote:

Hi Wendy,

Just so you know, I have confirmation for the letter and just need to wait for Jessica's assistant to stamp her signature for me and I'll send to you. Should be just after 8.

Thanks,

Amy

On Wed, Aug 8, 2018, 16:12 Amy Bader <amy.bader1@pcc.edu> wrote:

No problem! I'll send you the final letter as soon as I get it signed.

Best,
Amy

On Wed, Aug 8, 2018, 15:27 Serrano, Wendy <SerranoW@trimet.org> wrote:

I think it looks great! I know it's craziness and again really thank you for jumping on board and being so responsive 😊

Wendy

From: Amy Bader <amy.bader1@pcc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 3:08 PM
To: Serrano, Wendy <SerranoW@TriMet.org>
Subject: Re: PCC Letter

Excellent! I apologise for the delay. Both the president and I have been out of town this week. She is aware that I am waiting for it, so I hope to get an approval soon!

Below is a draft of the letter. I think I have all the updated information, but as I'm still learning the ropes, do let me know if anything needs editing.

Thanks!

August 9, 2018

City Hall

1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 130
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Members of the Portland City Council,

Portland Community College, Southeast Campus appreciates the opportunity to express our continued support for the Division Transit Project and the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). As a member of the Project Steering Committee, and in my role as president of this campus, I encourage you to vote yes today to authorize the Intergovernmental Grant Agreement with TriMet.

PCC's Southeast Campus is surrounded by a vibrant community that is also one of the most diverse areas of the city and state. At the intersection of SE 82nd and SE Division Street, we are at the true center of Portland's city limits, although many of our neighbors and community members have been historically underserved and have had limited access to resources. Our hope and expectation is that the Division Transit Project LPA will help ensure that our community members will have access to timely, reliable, and inexpensive transportation that will help connect them with additional opportunities.

I strongly support this project because it will better connect southeast Portland neighborhoods with other parts of the city and with resources for critical upward mobility. The project will help create what we like to call an education corridor that will connect our PCC Southeast Campus, PCC CLIMB Center, Portland State University, Warner Pacific University, and the Oregon Health and Science University - providing greater access to quality education and small business development resources.

Public transit is a means for our students to complete their goals. Improving public transportation to the Southeast Campus will allow students to access our PCC shuttle, which provides free transit between our four comprehensive campuses. Facilitating the connection to other campus resources considerably expands the possibilities for students to engage in career training programs in areas such as welding, health-care, veterinary, and micro-electronics.

The Division Transit and Project Locally Preferred Alternative receives our full support because we believe it will truly support student success, in particular for our students in southeast Portland. Once again we encourage your support in an affirmative vote today to advance this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support of the project, and thank you for the work of the Portland Bureau of Transportation, METRO, and TriMet during this process.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jessica Howard
Campus President
Portland Community College, Southeast Campus

On Wed, Aug 8, 2018, 15:00 Serrano, Wendy <SerranoW@trimet.org> wrote:

Yes, first thing in the morning should work. Thank you so much for working with us on this ☺

Wendy

From: Amy Bader <amy.bader1@pcc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 2:38 PM
To: Serrano, Wendy <SerranoW@TriMet.org>
Subject: Re: PCC Letter

Hi Wendy,

I wrote a letter and sent it to Jessica to approve (she is at Oregon President's Council retreat all week). I may not get her approval before this evening. Is it possible to submit in the morning?

Best,

Amy

Amy Bader

(Pronouns: she/her/hers)

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On Wed, Aug 8, 2018 at 2:25 PM, Serrano, Wendy <SerranoW@trimet.org> wrote:

Hi Amy,

We have to submit the letter to the city council clerk for the City of Portland hearing tomorrow. Do you have a copy you can send me so I can submit it today?

Thank you,

Wendy Serrano

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August 9, 2018

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The Division Transit Project LPA receives our full endorsement because we believe it will truly strengthen student success, in particular for our students in Southeast Portland. Again, we encourage your support through an affirmative vote today to advance this important project.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support of the project, and to give thanks for the work of the Portland Bureau of Transportation, METRO and TriMet during this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Howard".

Dr. Jessica Howard, Campus President
Portland Community College - Southeast Campus

FORWARDED BY
APRIL BERTELSEN

AUDITOR 08/08/18 PM 3:10

Good afternoon Mr. Mayor, Commissioners.

My name is Claudia Robertson. I am a member of TriMet's Committee on Accessible Transportation, aka CAT, and I have been serving on this Committee for the better part of the last 17 years. CAT's involvement- even before The Americans With Disabilities Act - has been instrumental, along with TriMet's strong commitment, to the accessibility and universal design reputation of which TriMet can be so proud.

For more than a year, it has been my privilege to serve on the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Division Transit Project. The CAC represents the interests of older adults and persons with disabilities. The CAC has been very active in the overall design process, the location of stations, etc. for the Division project.

In addition, I have been part of a smaller working group made up of CAT members that have been meeting monthly to vet various aspects of the project through the lens of accessibility. We started our work looking closely at the configuration and accessibility of the 60 foot articulated buses to be used for the Division Transit Project. We even traveled to Vancouver to ride The Vine and better understand the features of their articulated buses. A final report with our recommendations was submitted to TriMet and is now being referenced as they build their new bus specifications.

For the last 6 months, our group has been working on providing recommendations for the design features of the stations, with a focus on stations in Outer Division. In our work, we look to help design the safest, most accessible stations possible. To do this, we have reached out to the bicycle and pedestrian communities, the Oregon Commission For the Blind, Portland Commission on Disability and others. Recently, we held a joint work session with these groups in our efforts to make sure we are designing safe stations that work for everyone.

So as you can see, there has been a great deal of citizen involvement on this project. If all goes as hoped, we will have a replicable new option for providing transit in the region. One that is less expensive, less disruptive to construct and is fast and easy to access.

Thank you for your support of this effort. With your commitment, we can have a whole new way to move people with speed and efficiency.

Claudia Robertson
Vice Chair, Committee on Accessible Transportation
Citizen Advisory Committee Member

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