

SW CAPITOL HIGHWAY PROJECT CONTRACTING METHODIF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO CITY COUNCIL, **PRINT** YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND EMAIL.

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Cc: Szigethy, Steven; Uchiyama, Dawn; Chris Lyons; Igarta, Denver; Bogert, Sylvia
Subject: City Council Agenda Item regarding SW Capitol Highway Project (December 5)
Attachments: CH CC MF Comments 2018 Dec.pdf

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

I understand that the SW Capitol Highway project (Multnomah to West Portland) will be on the City Council agenda next week (December 5, 2018). I am unable to attend the meeting, and I don't have an agenda item number yet, but I didn't want to miss this opportunity to share my wholehearted thanks to everyone who helped to bring this project from concept to construction.

As I mentioned in the attached letter, this project is extremely complex and only made possible by extensive collaboration between the Bureaus of Transportation and Environmental Services. There were many challenges in figuring out how to fit sidewalks, bicycle facilities and stormwater management facilities within the right of way while preserving as much landscaping as possible. Steve Szigethy, PBOT Project Manager, has done an outstanding job in balancing priorities and facilitating innovative solutions that are context sensitive.

Please accept this testimony in advance of the discussion of this critical project that will finally make it possible for people of all abilities to safely walk and bike to Multnomah Village and West Portland Town Center without getting muddled by mismanaged stormwater.

Sincerely,

Marianne Fitzgerald, longtime resident of SW Portland and past president, Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.

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Re: City Council Agenda Item regarding Southwest Capitol Highway Project

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

I understand that the SW Capitol Highway project is on the City Council agenda on December 5, and offer these written comments since I am unable to attend.

I am thrilled to extend my support for the design and construction of the sidewalk, bicycle and stormwater improvements to SW Capitol Highway between Multnomah Village and West Portland. As you know, this project has been a high priority in SW Portland for more than 25 years and it's exciting to have the project funded and moving toward construction.

We are well aware of the complexity of this project. The topography and stormwater constraints add significantly to the costs of needed improvements. We appreciate the "PBOT-BES Coordination Charter" signed in September 2014 that helped foster the collaborative approach to the right-of-way design before you today. This innovative design may become a template for future improvements to busy SW streets that lack sidewalks and bicycle facilities as well as stormwater management systems that are badly needed as our city continues to grow.

We also appreciate former City Commissioner Novick's seed funding through "Fixing Our Streets" that leveraged many other funding sources to allow this much-needed project to finally get built.

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) has sent many letters over the years to secure funding for this important project. Former SWNI President Patty Lee commented in 2011 that SW Capitol Highway hadn't changed much since she and her family moved here in the mid-1950's. It took creative thinking among the staff of the Bureau of Transportation and Bureau of Environmental Services to come up with a design that resolved conflicts and should work well for everyone. I am ecstatic that it is very close to actually getting built, and I offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this happen.

Sincerely,
/s/

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