

April 4th, 2019

Mayor Wheeler - Commissioners Fish, Eudaly, Hardesty and Fritz

I am the owner of a community based neighborhood media company with my offices located in the Stadium District near Providence Park, home of the Timbers, in SW Portland. I am also the Vice President of The Stadium District Business Association and our board representative for Venture Portland.

During budget season I would like to thank City Council for investing in the success of neighborhood business districts like ours through the continuous funding of Venture Portland.

TriMet proposes to close four MAX stations downtown to save up to 2 minutes in total travel time. One of the stations TriMet wants to close is the Kings Hill MAX station that sits across from Lincoln High School and the Multnomah Athletic Club in the heart of the Stadium District.

The Goose Hollow community has been advocating to keep the station open given the safety and security concerns in the neighborhood. Students, MAC members, guests and employees in our district rely on this station, along with Goose Hollow residents. With the platform located in the median, it's the safest station in the area, with good lighting and sightlines

As chair of the Lincoln Long Term Development Committee, co-chair of the Master Planning Committee and a member of the Design Advisory Group I have spent many years involved in the plan for new construction on the Lincoln site. The new front doors will sit at 17th and Salmon, the shortest distance to a MAX stop would be Kings Hill. Due to budget constraints and city design requirements the site will suffer at least a 20%, if not more, loss in parking. Children and staff occupy the campus from 5am to 11pm and the need for safe access to transit options will only continue to increase. We are experiencing extensive development in our district which will bring many improvements over the next few years. We feel the decision to close the stop is premature pending the outcome of those changes.

As a daily TriMet user, I value the need for making improvements on travel time. However, we feel the decision to close the stop and reduce transit time by a few seconds for those passing through the city is not taking the best care and consideration of the area users who would have more travel time and safety concerns added to their commute to school or work by eliminating the access point at Kings Hill.

I urge you to stand on the side of the area users who value the safety and accessibility of the Kings Hills stop and implore TriMet to delay the decision to close the stop until more development and residents move into our area. Those developments will bring improved lighting, sightlines, and increased pedestrian density, making it safer to walk the distance to other stations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Eleni Kehagiaras
Vice President, Stadium District Business Association

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Eleni Kehagiaras <eleni.kehagiaras@n2pub.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 1:42 PM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony; Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: speaking on april 3rd

Hi Karla,
We just spoke on the phone and reserved a spot to speak on April 3rd. Here is my info.

Name: Eleni Kehagiaras
Address: 3235 SE 52nd Ave 97206
Phone: 503 816 1070
Date: April 3rd 2019
Topic: Safety and Security

Please confirm receipt.

Thanks and have a great day!
Eleni

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Request of Eleni Kehagiaras to address Council regarding safety and security
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