

Good morning Mayor and Commissioners.

My name is Jill Crecraft and am the owner of Sip D' Vine, Oregon's first combination wine bar and bottle shop carrying NW wines exclusively, located in the heart of Multnomah Village. Sip D' Vine is known for offering a casual, relaxed setting to discover some of the best wines made in the Pacific NW. We have around 50 grapes represented. Sip D' Vine is a small, locally owned shop carrying local products. Last January we celebrated 17 years in business. I have also been a MVBA board member for some years, now.

We would like to firstly thank you for some projects in and around Multnomah Village – Especially finding the Capitol Hwy Improvement Project from our viaduct south to Barbur Blvd – over 24 years in the making.

Thank you also for the parking improvements at the Multnomah Arts Center, the bike and pedestrian improvements along Multnomah Boulevard, and for the updates to parking and sidewalks on Capitol Hwy between SW 35th and SW 36th. All of these have been beneficial to our community. Thank you.

With the longevity of 17 years comes a unique perspective. These projects have come at a cost. Near constant disruption for a decade to local small businesses through the worst recession that this generation has seen starting in 2008. And in reality, the precursor to this started in 2000. This is a double whammy to us.

For those of you who may not remember, there are only two major roads to access Multnomah Village – Multnomah Boulevard and Capitol Hwy. A brief overview shows perspective:

From 2000 to 2002 Multnomah Boulevard had a sewer line replaced and was repaved. Leaks were noticed and beginning in 2005 spot repairs started. Between 2008 and 2011 pipe repairs were made, but needed to be replaced entirely, which was from 2011 through 2013 which included road closures at the critical holiday season. The disruption was rounded out in 2014 with bike lanes and sidewalks, which looks much better now. During this time community members were thoroughly trained to avoid the area and find other places to go.

Capitol Hwy was tremendously affected in 2013 during a Green Street project which took twice as long as the original estimate. The community asked for road repair and/or replacement to be done at the same time but that aspect was denied, so six years later, here we are replacing the road and disrupting the community again.

Many of our new customers have moved here in recent years and along with a few shops and businesses, this will be their first introduction to the impact of a longer term construction project. The Small Business Association states that 25% of businesses do not open again after a major interruption to business, something Multnomah Village is desperately hoping to avoid during this and upcoming construction projects. We already have three rental vacancies and cannot afford to have any more to keep this shopping district viable.

The current construction project begins today on Capitol Hwy with a completion date in November. Beginning in December, the prep work starts on the Capitol Hwy Improvement Project – desperately needed sidewalks, bike lanes, and stormwater improvements -(thank you again) which is slated to continue through 2020, into 2021. Also penciled in 2021 is the Crossroads Jughandle reconfiguration, followed by the SW Corridor Light Rail at some point. While some of these are not in Multnomah Village proper, they do impact us by re-routing and keeping people away. Given these projects, which we DO support and have been advocating for, in and around Multnomah Village, we will be feeling the effects and pressures for seven or more years to come. We must try to lessen this “inconvenience” as much as possible.

We have made many efforts through the years to mitigate the impact of detours away from our business core, diminished parking, and customer frustration, among those have been the Golden Ticket program, Hard Hat Wednesdays and others with varying levels of success. We need the city's help to keep our small businesses and shops thriving during these disruptions.

We are here today to ask for \$3,000 Community Communication Grant and your support with dropping a line to provide long-term power supply for street and tree lights, and a future parking structure.

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Subject to discuss: Road Construction Projects affecting Multnomah Village

Thank you. -Jill

Request of Jill Crecraft to address Council regarding road construction projects affecting Multnomah Village (Communication)

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