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To: Planning & Sustainability Commission

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Subject: Proposed Columbia / Lombard Wayfinding Improvements

The Portland Bureau of Transportation began outreach on wayfinding improvements in the Columbia / Lombard corridor in North and Northeast Portland last November. All affected property owners were notified of the proposed changes. Feedback from property owners and neighborhood associations has been predominantly supportive of the change. Approximately 92% of properties in the corridor would have no address change, while only 8% of property owners' addresses would change.

The following stakeholders have been briefed on the proposed changes:

- Columbia Corridor Association
- Cully Association of Neighbors
- Verde / Living Cully
- Port of Portland
- Portland Freight Committee
- St. Johns Neighborhood Association
- Sumner Neighborhood Association

We are not aware of any significant concerns or issues with the proposed changes among these stakeholders or from property owners. Proposed street renamings as shown on the accompanying map include the following:

North Portland Phase I Wayfinding Improvements

A portion of N Lombard Street becomes N Columbia Boulevard

From: N Burgard Road / Lombard Street / Columbia Boulevard intersection

To: N Kelley Point Park Road

All of N Burgard Road becomes N Lombard Street

From: 11000 Block of N Lombard Street at railroad track crossing

To: N Burgard Road / Lombard Street / Columbia Boulevard intersection

All of N Columbia Boulevard frontage road becomes N Johnswood Drive

From: N Bliss Street

To: 202 Feet East of N Buchanan Avenue

NE Portland Phase I Wayfinding Improvements

All of NE Lombard Place becomes NE Lombard Court

From: NE Lombard Street at NE 10th Avenue

To: NE Columbia Boulevard East of NE 17th Avenue

All of NE Portland Highway becomes NE Lombard Street

From: Underneath NE 42nd Avenue Bridge

To: NE Killingsworth Street West of NE 72nd Avenue

A portion of NE Columbia Boulevard becomes NE Columbia Court

From: NE Columbia Parkway

To: NE 92nd Drive

A portion of NE Columbia Boulevard becomes NE 92nd Drive

From: NE 92nd Drive

To: NE Killingsworth Street West of Interstate 205

NE Portland Phase II Wayfinding Improvements (Future)

A portion of NE Killingsworth Street becomes NE Lombard Street

From: NE Killingsworth Street West of NE 72nd Avenue

To: Interstate 205

Only Phase I street renaming and address changes are proposed to be effective May 1, 2021. A timeline for Phase II street renaming and address changes has not been established pending coordination with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) on changing freeway signage. Property owners would therefore receive separate notices for City Council consideration of the Phase I and Phase II improvements.

\$50,000 has been budgeted for Phase I wayfinding improvements including staff time and the cost of sign changes. Phase II wayfinding improvements will be presented to the Planning & Sustainability Commission (PSC) but will not have further action taken beyond PSC approval at this time.

Phase II property owners have been asked not to change their address as the Phase II changes are on indefinite hold until this work can be coordinated with ODOT and is funded; therefore, no City Council hearing is scheduled.

Property owners have been notified of the September 24, 2019 PSC hearing and the opportunity for testimony. We suggest that the PSC approve the Columbia / Lombard Wayfinding project and forward it to City Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Portland Bureau of Transportation

Enclosures (2): 9/17/19 PowerPoint presentation; 8/24/19 map