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I'm very interested in how this goes. I'm disabled & new to downtown & am appalled by the lack of handicap access available in downtown Portland. Many restaurants, bars, venues, are not properly handicapped accessible there is also some trains through the city that aren't handicap accessible. I've been having a hard time socializing because there's no where I feel comfortable as well as accessing necessities from target/Safeway are extremely time consuming & dangerous as I have to cross many busy streets due to sidewalks blocked by camping.

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