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**Lents Community Members:**

During the last year, staff members representing the City of Portland, Metro and TriMet have met with members of your neighborhood association, the Outer Southeast Portland Light Rail Coalition and other community groups to identify concerns related to the South Corridor Project and specifically I-205 light rail.

Because your input and involvement is valued by all the agencies working on this project, this document pledges our commitment to work closely with your community if a light rail project moves forward in the I-205 corridor.

**Specifically, we pledge to:**

- Continue to work closely with residents and businesses near the proposed alignment in order to keep them engaged with any developments in the light rail design and construction that may affect them.
- If land acquisition is necessary, acquire property in a manner that fairly compensates residents for their property and relocation expenses, and assist with relocation services.
- Collaborate with community members with regard to station and Park and Ride location and design. We respect your special knowledge of your community, and will work with you to determine how light rail could best serve Lents.
- Respect the community-driven Lents Downtown Revitalization Plan as a valid means of considering potential station and Park and Ride designs and locations near Foster Road.
- Coordinate with the community and other programs and resources to address concerns regarding neighborhood safety, security and traffic issues as they relate to light rail design, construction and operation.
- Evaluate existing and future bus service so that any change in service will be re-allocated in the same corridor and will complement a light rail system.

Metro, TriMet and City of Portland staff have conducted extensive outreach in the community including canvassing 200 homes near the alignment, sending newsletters to each address within 200 feet of a proposed alignment, publishing ads in the Oregonian and the Good Neighbor News and attending numerous community meetings. We look forward to working with you in developing and implementing additional outreach strategies.

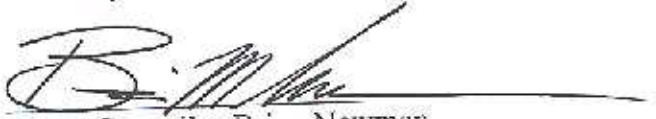
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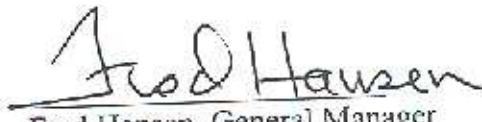
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We appreciate your on-going efforts on behalf of your community and hope that this pledge acknowledges your concerns and assures you of our commitment to continue working together.

Sincerely,



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Chair, South Corridor Policy Committee



Fred Hansen, General Manager  
TriMet



Commissioner Jim Francesconi  
City of Portland