

# North Tabor Neighborhood Association

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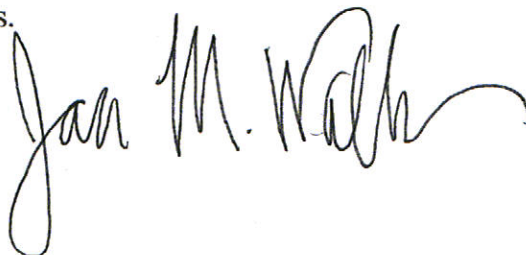
1900 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, 7100

RE: 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue Station Community Project

The North Tabor Neighborhood Association (NTNA) supports the vision for the 60th Avenue MAX Station community and encourages high quality, transit-oriented development within our neighborhood. For example, Center Commons has become a positive addition to our neighborhood by bringing varied architecture, housing choices for a variety of incomes and ages, and higher quality urban design features. However, the neighborhood has strong concerns about the deficiencies of infrastructure within the station community and the lack of assurances for a timely resolution of those deficiencies.

Specifically NTNA strongly supports the design overlay prescribed for the areas with zoning changes as necessary to promote high quality infill that is compatible with the existing residential neighborhoods and Glisan Main Street commercial buildings. However, several streets within the 60<sup>th</sup> Ave. MAX station area have serious inadequacies with safety implications. While we realize that the costs to fully upgrade these streets to current standards may be prohibitive, we propose for (at a minimum) adequate funding for targeted bike and pedestrian safety improvements so that we are encouraging new residents and businesses in places that can safely facilitate them. These transportation improvements include wider sidewalk connection to MAX on NE 60<sup>th</sup> Ave. on at least one side of the street, a safer pedestrian crosswalk on the NE 60th/I-84 overpass, formal bikeway connections between the MAX station and surrounding bicycle network, and finally safe and appropriately-spaced pedestrian and bike crossings of Glisan within the station area. The NTNA respectfully requests a clear plan of action, including funding, for these basic safety improvements to be made clear prior to approving the proposed land use changes.

Respectfully,  
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