Agenda Item 677

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PEARL DISTRICT ACCESS AND CIRCULATION PLAN

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Moore-Love, Karla

From:Bruce Levy [brlevy29@yahoo.com]Sent:Tuesday, June 12, 2012 2:44 PMTo:Mayor Adams; Moore-Love, KarlaCc:Patricia Gardner; Leclerc, MauricioSubject:Support for the Pearl District Transportation PlanJune 12, 2012

Mayor Sam Adams & the Portland City Council c/o City Council Clerk City Hall Portland, Oregon

Re:

<u>677</u> TIME CERTAIN: 10:30 AM – Adopt the recommendations in the Pearl District Access and Circulation Plan (Resolution introduced by Mayor Adams)

Dear Mayor Adams & City Council members:

As an interested Pearl District resident, I urge all of you to promptly adopt the carefully considered Pearl District Access and Circulation Plan -- in its entirety -- as presented by your very professional PBOT team.

I was fortunate to be one of several participants of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, led by Mauricio Leclerc, and was very impressed by the collaborative process that took place at the productive working sessions. The thoughtfulness given to pedestrian and bicycling modes of travel, vital to this dense, walking and bicycle oriented neighborhood, is at the very heart of this plan.

My NW 12th Avenue neighbors and I are particularly enthused with the two-way street revision proposed for NW 12th Avenue, so that the many of us who walk/bike to Whole Foods & the various Brewery Blocks businesses can do so more easily on foot or by bike; ideally, we'd like to see this easily-implemented, 2-way street treatment extended completely through to Burnside.

If we are to succeed in making Portland (and the Pearl neighborhood in particular) the dense yet safe and livable place it's intended to be, then the assorted elements and recommendations identified in the plan need to be funded as well.

Although I am not present for your Council meeting, do know that my wholehearted support as a concerned neighbor seeking enhanced traffic safety for all modes of travel through this balanced, long-awaited plan deserves your immediate adoption.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my wholehearted support and a note of

appreciation to your dedicated PBOT staff members for their excellent work! 36932

Sincerely,

Bruce Levy 311 NW 12th Avenue, #603 Portland, OR 97209

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May 31, 2012

Portland City Council Portland, Oregon AUDITOR 06/12/12 PM12:38

Dear City Council Members:

As a member of the Pearl District Access and Circulation Stakeholders Advisory Committee, I have had the privilege of participating in a planning process that will advance the safety and access for everyone traveling in the Pearl District, including Pacific Northwest College of Art's campus community.

The PBOT team involved in this study, under the leadership of Mauricio Leclerc, did a masterful job of examining diverse needs and interests within the Pearl District, and the resulting plan reflects a balance of City and citizen interests.

PNCA would like to especially stress the benefits to our students, staff and faculty around improved street crossings and enhanced bike infrastructure, particularly on NW Hoyt Street and the Broadway Bridge ramp.

Please approve the plan so we can move forward toward implementation of the many improvements contained within it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Michael Hall PNCA Dean of Students

Moore-Love, Karla

From:Leclerc, MauricioSent:Tuesday, June 12, 2012 11:20 AMTo:Moore-Love, Karla; Ciarlo, CatherineSubject:FW: Pearl District Access and Circulation PlanAttachments:PDACP Support.doc

FYI

From: Rebecca Hamilton [mailto:r.hamilton@pdx.edu]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 1:13 PM
To: Leclerc, Mauricio
Subject: Re: Pearl District Access and Circulation Plan

Hi Mauricio,

Attached please find a draft of my letter of support for the PDACP. I will bring up a signed copy.

Best, Rebecca Rebecca Hamilton 1632 NW 29th Ave Apt. 2 Portland, OR 97210

June 11, 2012

Mayor Sam Adams Commissioner Amanda Fritz Commissioner Nick Fish Commissioner Randy Leonard Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Re: Pearl District Access and Circulation Plan Letter of Support

Dear Mayor Adams and Members of the Portland City Council.

I am writing to express my support for the Pearl District Access and Circulation Plan (PDACP). As an appointed member of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee for the City of Portland, I have actively participated in the planning process as a member of the PDACP's Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the past several months.

As the Pearl District has rapidly transitioned from a freight-dominated warehouse district to a mixed use residential/commercial neighborhood, it has become one of the most pedestrian-intensive areas of the entire city - despite retaining an infrastructure that is, in many instances, unsuitable for safely accommodating this new level of foot traffic. It is my opinion that the PDACP addresses the most pressing of these safety concerns for pedestrians. I urge you to adopt this plan as an important step towards bringing the infrastructure and traffic flow of this neighborhood into alignment with its designation as a Pedestrian District in the City's Transportation System Plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Best Regards.

Rebecca Hamilton Pedestrian Advisory Committee Member

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Sent: To: Subject: Leclerc, Mauricio Tuesday, June 12, 2012 11:19 AM Moore-Love, Karla; Ciarlo, Catherine Pearl District Circulation Plan

FYI.

-----Original Message-----From: Stanley Penkin [mailto:stanleypenkin@comcast.net] Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 3:04 PM To: Leclerc, Mauricio Subject: Pearl District Circulation Plan

Dear Mauricio,

I am out of town and regret that I am unable to attend the City Council hearing to help support the adoption of the Pearl Circulation Plan.

The proposed plan is a result of extensive and diligent work by PBOT staff in collaboration with a dedicated Stakeholder Committee over a period of approximately two years. With a number of opportunities also provided for public input, I feel that this plan is a compilation of the most important and practical actions that can be taken to help improve multi modal flow and safety in the district.

I encourage council to adopt this plans and look forward to the start of implementation in the near future.

Thank you.

Stanley Penkin

Sent from my iPhone

Moore-Love, Karla

	From:	Leclerc, Mauricio		
	Sent:	Tuesday, June 12, 2012 11:17 AM		
	То:	Moore-Love, Karla; Dillmann, Katja		
	Cc:	Ciarlo, Catherine		
	Subject:	FW: Letter of Support for Pearl District Plan		
Attachments: Pearl District Plan Letter.doc				

Hi Karla,

Here is one.

Mauricio

From: Rob Sadowsky [mailto:rob@btaoregon.org] Sent: Friday, June 08, 2012 3:39 PM To: Leclerc, Mauricio Cc: Mary Roberts Subject: Letter of Support for Pearl District Plan

Rob Sadowsky | Executive Director tel: 503-226-0676 x 14 | fax: 503-226-0498 follow me on twitter.com/rsadowsky

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The BTA builds healthy, sustainable communities by making bicycling safe, convenient, and accessible.



June 8th 2012

Mayor Sam Adams & City of Portland Commissioners Portland City Council 1221 SW 4th Avenue Rm. 110 Portland, OR 97204

Dear Honorable Mayor Adams and City of Portland Commissioners

On behalf of the Bicycle Transportation Alliance, I support the city's adoption of the Pearl District Access and Transportation Plan (Plan).

We have active members in this quadrant of the city who have served on several committees related to this plan including the Pearl District Stakeholders Advisory Committee and the Lovejoy Northrup Couplet Committee. We concur with them that the plan is consistent with of the overall Portland Transportation Plan and addresses the needs of a balanced transportation system. Further, the plan just makes better use of our existing roads for the most people at the lowest cost.

The Pearl District has dramatically transformed over the last ten years with the city's forward thinking and innovative support. As a result, the entire city has benefited from increased tax revenues, increased tourism and entertainment income, and increased core vibrancy and livability. Looking ahead, there are more full city blocks to be developed, the neighborhood's first hotel being built, two college campuses expanding significantly, and additional office buildings in the works. As a result, the Pearl District will continue to evolve over the next ten years and tax revenues from this neighborhood will rise as a result.

Consequently, we strongly urge the city to adopt this cost-effective plan and to fund the improvements and changes outlined to match population growth, tax revenue growth, satisfy significantly increased transportation needs, and to help realize our vision for the city of Portland.

Sincerely, ob Sadowsk

Rob Sadowsky Executive Director



Moore-Love, Karla

From:Jeanne Harrison [cats@aracnet.com]Sent:Tuesday, June 12, 2012 9:15 AMTo:Adams, Mayor; Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Fritz; Leonard, Randy; dan@portlandoegon.govCc:Moore-Love, KarlaSubject:Council Item 677 Pearl District Access and Circulation Plan

Attachments: Pearl Access Plan Comments June 11 2012.docx

Mayor Adams and City Commissioners:

Attached are comments from NWDA regarding the Pearl District Access and Circulation Plan (Agenda

Item 677). Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Jeanne Harrison

NWDA Transportation Committee

Pearl District Neighborhood Association

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Dear Mayor Adams and City Council:

Via the Planning and Transportation Committee, the Pearl District Neighborhood Association voted to approve and strongly support the Pearl District Transportation Plan. This plan is the culmination of years of work with the larger neighborhood and PBOT and is an excellent reflection of the transportation changes necessary to complement the growth the Pearl has gone through and will continue to go through.

The process has been an extremely thoughtful and open process that considered all the possibilities and their ramifications with great care. That carefulness has resulted in a plan that creates much safer coherent streets for all forms of transportation, from the pedestrian to the automobile.

Some of the highlights of the plan that we are especially proud of are the following: the cycle track on the park blocks, the new cross section of Pettygrove that joins Wallace Park and the Fields Park together and cements the idea of Pettygrove as a Safe Route to School, the identification of traffic lights and stop signs through out the neighborhood to create a safer neighborhood, the numerous bicycle improvements that help identify this neighborhood as a bicycle district, and the change to 12th Avenue to bring it back into the fabric of the neighborhood and allow for logical bicycle movement through the district.

It must be noted that the staff from PBOT on this project has been exemplary through out the process. They have been methodical and thoughtful in approach which has allowed the plan to move beyond any subjectivity into a cohesive objective plan. Everything was tested which should give you great confidence in this particular plan as well as create great pride in their work.

Regards, Patricia Gardner

Vice President and Planning Chair, PDNA