

N VANCOUVER AVE & COOK ST LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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April 3, 2014

RE: Undergrounding Utilities in City utilizing LID's

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

Nearly 20 years ago Mayor Vera Katz visited a community meeting in Gateway to discuss the future of Gateway as a Regional Town Center and future Urban Renewal District. She laid out her vision for Gateway to a very skeptical and somewhat cynical audience. She visualized many things in her presentation, but one thing that I will always remember her promising, was that all of the utilities in Gateway would someday be undergrounded.

One month ago you heard a report on a successful LID project in Gateway that built two streets, NE 97th Ave. (a model green street) and NE Everett Court (a new West to East connector), and provided for the undergrounding of all utilities on NE 97th, NE 99th and NE Everett Court; resulting in a dramatically improved environment and much more livable neighborhood. We are currently under construction on a 90 unit apartment project, The Rose, that was made possible by those improvements. I was not able to attend the hearing last month, but wanted to offer support for the LID that you are considering this morning in North Portland, because I believe so strongly in this approach to building the infrastructure that is so badly needed in many parts of the City.

It takes a tremendous amount of coordination, cooperation and collaboration to accomplish good development projects, particularly in neighborhoods that lack decent infrastructure. We are fortunate in Portland to have the resources within the City with the knowledge and foresight to facilitate this process. We are also very fortunate to have a power company such as PacifiCorp; that is willing and determined to play a vital role in improving our power grid with undergrounding of utilities where it makes good sense.

Our street and undergrounding project in Gateway involved grants from BES and PDC, as well as the LID. It was also provided incredible leadership from the City's LID Coordinator, Andrew Aebi, and PacifiCorp's field general, John Moudy. I've attached a copy of an email that I sent to John's immediate boss, Ross Chichosz and a photo of the operating street lights that they worked so hard to have on for our ground-breaking.

It is critical that the City take the lead in finding ways to provide the infrastructure to accommodate private sector development. I believe strongly that adequate parks, quality streets, and undergrounded utilities are absolutely vital to attracting good development and building neighborhoods that we can all be proud of. Let's recommit ourselves to utilizing and supporting those assets that we have in place, including PDC, BES, PBOT and PacifiCorp to see that streets get improved where needed and utilities are undergrounded where possible. I doubt that we could ever have accomplished these improvements without the assistance of both the City and PacifiCorp. The logistics are just too overwhelming and the timelines and uncertainty of the costs are simply too great.

I appreciate the opportunity to thank you once again for your support on The Rose project, and I encourage you to approve the Vancouver and Cook LID that is before you today to provide similar infrastructure improvements in North Portland.

Best Regards,

Gordon C. Jones



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Portland City Council
Attn: Karla Moore-Love, Council Clerk
1221 SW 4th Ave, Room 140
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Re: N Vancouver Ave and Cook St Local Improvement District

Dear Mayor Hales and City Commissioners,

I would like to thank you for considering approval of Councilor Novick's resolution regarding the N Vancouver Ave and Cook St Local Improvement District. The project it would fund – a traffic light at N Cook and Vancouver – is important for safety.

Aside from the Willamette River bridges, no other street in the city of Portland carries more bicycles per day than this stretch of N Vancouver. The street's intersection at Cook is essentially an intersection with a freeway on/off ramp and, as such, can be daunting for all road users. Installation of a traffic signal there, coupled with safety improvements slated for N Williams, will considerably improve this key route.

The surrounding land owners are to be applauded for their willingness to contribute to this vital safety improvement.

The Bicycle Transportation Alliance urges council to support the N Vancouver Ave and Cook St Local Improvement District.

Sincerely,



Carl Larson
Advocate



Moore-Love, Karla

From: Carl Larson <carl@btaoregon.org>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 3:41 PM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Council Agenda Item 324: Vancouver/Cook LID
Attachments: BTA Letter of support for Vancouver Cook LID.pdf

Hello Karla.

I've attached a letter from the Bicycle Transportation Alliance regarding Agenda Item 324 for Wednesday. Please distribute it to city council.

Thanks!

Carl

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From: Gordon C Jones <gordoncjones@gmail.com>
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To: 'ross.cichosz@pacificorp.com'
Subject: John Moudy
Attachments: 2013-12-30 METRO Article - Ground Breaking.doc; IMG_0003.JPG; IMG_0014.JPG; IMG_0021.JPG; IMG_0027.JPG

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Ross,

It is my understanding that as Operations Manager for Pacific Power's Portland Operations Center you are John Moudy's immediate supervisor. I have attached a copy of the METRO article and some photos of our recent ground breaking for The Rose Apartments project that John and Pacific Power have been a part of. I want you to know that John Moudy, as your representative, was an extremely valuable partner with us in making this project happen. It has been a long and drawn out process, but John has never wavered in his willingness to help, and to offer his expertise and leadership with all of the concerned parties. Please notice in the last photo the lighted street lights on the new Everett Court. That was indeed an exciting part of the celebration to have those turned on for the occasion! We appreciate your help with the undergrounding of the utilities, which turned out to be a much larger task than we had anticipated.

Please accept our sincere appreciation for John's and Pacific Power's work on The Rose.

Best Regards,

Gordon Jones