



**PORTLAND FREIGHT COMMITTEE**

September 30, 2014

City of Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission  
1900 SW 4th Ave, Suite 7100,  
Portland, OR 97201

Dear Chair Baugh and Commission Members:

The Portland Freight Committee appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed draft West Quadrant Plan. We are very concerned specifically about the proposed removal or reconfiguration of the westside ramps and approaches to the Morrison Bridge which allows access to the Central Eastside, Naito Parkway, Highway 30 and I-5. The region's businesses depend on the reliability of the transportation network to move their products to markets locally, regionally and globally. Portland's residents also depend on the delivery of goods and services that meet their everyday needs. Without the Westside ramps, delivery trucks of all sizes will look for alternative routes which will add congestion to other critical access points along the system.

At this time, the Portland Freight Committee requests that the commission seriously consider the impacts on the region's transportation system by;

- 1) Exploring alternatives to the proposed removal or reconfiguration of westside ramps that do not impede freight movement in an out of the Central Eastside Industrial district and beyond.
- 2) Initiating a study on the movement of goods and services in the West Quadrant Plan area. The Portland Freight Committee would willing to work with planners to develop study criteria that seeks information on how to maintain the integrity of the industrial district and the movement of goods that supports a viable economic environment.

Thank you in advance for consideration. The Portland Freight Committee would appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with in any way we can to work through our policy differences as well as support you in the areas of agreement.

Sincerely,

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PFC Chair

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PFC Vice Chair

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