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To: Mayor Charlie Hales
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From: Lewis & Clark College

✓ Cc: Collins View Neighborhood Association

Date: 11/10/2014

Re: Our Streets Funding Conversation and Project List

For the past few months, the City of Portland has engaged residents and businesses in the *Our Streets* conversation about new sources of funding for transportation as well as potential projects. While the City continues to lead discussions about the precise nature of a supplemental funding mechanism for transportation spending, Lewis & Clark would like to take this opportunity to present potential projects for the southwest Portland area.

Many of those who live, work, and study in the area surrounding Lewis & Clark use sustainable modes of transportation. Currently, **well over 1,000 people** – 11% of Lewis & Clark's employees and 27% of students – ride bicycles and walk to campus. Approximately 1,200 students, including 560 freshmen without vehicles, live on campus and walk, bike or use Tri-Met to connect to other parts of the metro area.

The City of Portland has taken modest steps to accommodate and encourage non-automobile transportation in SW Portland. Specifically, SW Primrose is a dedicated 2030 Greenway and is currently marked as a bike route on most maps as well as a SW Walking Trail. Unfortunately, despite a few existing efforts to encourage and accommodate a high volume of pedestrian and cyclist traffic, the area surrounding Lewis & Clark and the Collins View neighborhood remains difficult and inconvenient to access. Pedestrian and cyclist access becomes increasingly difficult and dangerous at night and during wet weather.

In light of these challenges, the Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA) and Lewis & Clark have collaborated to develop a list of concrete projects to increase safety for all forms of transportation as well as increase cycling and walking. We request that the City of Portland add the following projects to its priority transportation projects that the proposed street fee may make

possible or alternatively add these projects to the City's longer range Transportation System Plan (TSP) update;

Crossing and Pedestrian Improvements:

- 1) Crosswalk and flashing light at the intersection of SW Primrose and Terwilliger Blvd.
Adding a crosswalk at this intersection should be done in connection with extending the sidewalk on the east side of Terwilliger two blocks south from the retail district on Terwilliger / Taylor's Ferry to Primrose, consistent with ADA requirements. SW Primrose is heavily used by pedestrians and cyclists, and is also a bus route/stop. Currently, it is both difficult and dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists to cross Terwilliger at this intersection.
- 2) Sidewalk and lighting along the east side of Terwilliger from Boone's Ferry's eastern intersection with Terwilliger to the Law School. This roadway currently has no shoulder and is the main route to the Lewis & Clark campus for pedestrians who live in the neighborhood and/or commute to campus using the #38 bus.

Protected Bike Route:

We recommend development of a neighborhood greenway between Lewis & Clark and the Burlingame retail area at Terwilliger and Taylor's Ferry. Primrose and Palatine Hill Road provide the main access route for cyclists between Lewis & Clark and central Portland. For cross-town cyclists, this route also provides the main access from SW Portland to the Cemetery Route and the Sellwood Bridge. Dangerous intersections at Terwilliger/Primrose and Boones' Ferry/Primrose pose significant barriers to bike access to this critical route, and have contributed to several bike crashes. Development of a neighborhood greenway along this route would significantly improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists and would lessen conflicts between these users and automotive traffic.

Thank you for considering our requests. We look forward to working with the City to continue to improve safety and convenience for all of those who travel to and from the Collins View neighborhood and Lewis & Clark.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amy Dvorak, Sustainability Manager, at 503-768-7794.

Sincerely,



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