## Aebi, Andrew

From:

Joy Mack <joy.mack@jayahrosesalon.com>

Sent: To: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 1:32 AM

Subject:

Aebi, Andrew Re: Traffic Light

Hello,

My name is Joy Mack, and I'm the owner of The Jayah Rose Salon and Spa on Northeast Williams Avenue. I am writing in response to the left signal traffic light being implemented on Freemont and Vancouver Avenue. Our business would benefit if our clients aren't held up by the traffic delays that occur on the nearby streets. Traffic is often backed up at NE Fremont Street east of North Williams Avenue due to the difficulty of making the left turn from North Fremont Street westbound to North Vancouver Avenue southbound. If a left turn signal is installed traffic can flow at a better pace so that our clients can get to our business more effectively. It is my hope that this issue is quickly resolved. The growth of this community will need improvement with traffic flowing properly. Thanks and feel free to contact me if necessary at: (503)282-0708, The Jayah Rose Salon - 12 NE Shaver St., Portland, OR 97212.

Joy Mack





March 19th, 2015

To: Portland City Council

CC: Andrew Aebi-Project Manager

RE: Proposed new left turn signal from N. Fremont Street westbound to N.

Vancouver Ave. southbound

The Boise Neighborhood Association supports the proposed new left turn signal from N. Fremont Street westbound to N. Vancouver Ave. southbound. This roadway safety feature is needed for a N Williams/N Vancouver corridor experiencing the development of over 1,000 apartment units within six blocks of this intersection. The Radiator and One North office development located at the targeted intersection will soon be home to over 300 office workers. The addition of new residents and new business employment in our rapidly developing neighborhood needs every street safety measure the City of Portland can implement.

Respectfully,

Stephen Gomez
Boise Neighborhood Association
Land Use and Transportation Committee Chair



RE: New Left Turn Signal from N. Fremont Street Westbound to N. Vancouver Avenue Southbound:

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hello Andrew -

I will not be able to attend but here is my testimonial letter:

Below are my thoughts on the proposed traffic light. I think it is a great idea and much needed for the following reasons:

I live 1 mile away to the east. I normally travel on Fremont west to work. In the last year the traffic has gotten so bad at busy times of the day that it can be backed up from Williams back 3-4 blocks.

This is mainly because there is no left turn signal at Vancouver. Cars needing to turn left on Vancouver, mainly to get on the freeway for commute, must wait for oncoming traffic to go straight eastbound.

This is what causes the pile-up of cars - cars are being held at that light at Vancouver and then the cars stack up out into the intersection at Williams and several blocks beyond to the east.

Also because of this, it creates an even more congested intersection at Williams and Fremont. I have almost been hit by cars many times at lunch time, as have other pedestrians trying to walk to and from New Seasons. This is due to cars trying to manouver around the backup that happens. They are so distracted by this intersection that they often are driving more aggressively which is dangerous with pedestrians present.

I have had many customers and neighbors say they avoid the Fremont Williams area altogether now and go around or take back streets. Obviously this can hurt local businesses. This is a problem and not functional for the future.

As the construction comes to a close, some of the confusion will clear, but then you will have many more folks living in those buildings, commuting to work in cars, coming in and out of parking lots, and more pedestrians. Let's deal with a traffic flow and safety issue now before it becomes worse.

Sincerely, Pamela Zsori owner ink & peat 3808 N. Williams Ave. - ste 126 Portland, Or 97227

nearby resident





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Miles J. Crumley, MS TriMet, Transportation Division 4012 SE 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Portland, OR 97202

March 23, 2015

Commissioner Steve Novick City of Portland 1221 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 210 Portland, OR 97204

Dear Commissioner Novick:

I am writing in support of the proposed protected left turn signal at N Fremont Street and N Vancouver Avenue, allowing for a protected westbound left turn movement. Currently, three bus routes provide service in this area, and two routes would directly benefit from this proposed signal:

- Line 24 Fremont executes a westbound left turn at this intersection, and
- Line 4 Division/Fessenden moves through the intersection westbound on N Fremont Street after executing a left turn onto N Fremont Street from N Williams Avenue.

Line 24 buses would spend less time in a queue to turn onto N Vancouver Avenue, thereby increasing the reliability of this line. Line 4 buses would benefit by being able to execute left turns from N Williams Avenue with greater ease since this signal would help clear congestion caused by the left turn queues on N Fremont Street. The time savings to both lines would help make both lines more reliable, which would greatly benefit the hundreds of thousands of customers who use these lines every day.

We appreciate your consideration of this important piece of infrastructure and look forward to its implementation.

Sincerely,

Miles J. Crumley, MS Operations Analyst

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