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Portland City Council
Portland City Hall
1211 SW 4th Avenue
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Dear Mayor Hales and City Council Members:

Unfortunately, a prior commitment will prevent me from testifying in person during your consideration of the Barbur Concept Plan.

It was my great pleasure to serve for 15 months as the Planning and Sustainability Commission liaison to the dedicated citizens on Community Working Group. The plan process has produced a strong vision for this corridor, creating opportunities for making quality places to enhance the vitality of Southwest Portland.

I fully support the Commission recommendation and would like to call your attention to some specific issues in the Plan that will benefit from ongoing Council attention:

- The plan identifies that fully realizing the West Portland (Crossroads) Town Center and other opportunity areas in the plan may require reconfiguration of freeway ramps and the City should partner with ODOT to examine this issue.
- Portions of the corridor may benefit from a road diet and the City should engage with ODOT at the earliest opportunity and on an ongoing basis during the planning and realization of the SW Corridor Plan to capture these benefits.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,

Chris Smith
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