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#### CONCERN 1

When sidewalks are closed off the barricades are not standardized.

#### SOLUTION

The barricades should be standardized for the following reasons.

1. People who are visually impaired could easily recognize the fact that the sidewalk is closed.
2. I use a guide dog and it would be easy to train them to take you right to the barrier and you could determine that the sidewalk is closed.
3. The existing barricades are as varied as the workplace. Sometimes workers use only safety ribbon; and that can be hazardous when you are trying to navigate the construction area.

#### CONCERN 2

The barricades need to have a light and audible component that is connected to a sensor so that a visually impaired person could have warning of upcoming closures.

#### SOLUTION

Below is a company that provides warning systems that could be fitted to a standard barricade.

#### CONCERN 3

Noise is a significant barrier when it is near an intersection.

#### SOLUTION

Companies that are doing permitted work in the city could be asked to assign a worker to watch for pedestrians that may have difficulties navigating the closure. The city could also be asked to do the same thing.

- Here is the web site for the company <http://plasticsafety.com/getattachment/40f13192-cf1c-4f2a-99e1-4704fa1e7256> and here is a video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wAw3duHLCsk> . I noticed the company doesn't sell an audible warning light. Here is a company that sells a motion activated warning / audible announcement device

<http://www.trans-supply.com/p-42-ada-audible-type-i-ii-barricade-lights.aspx> . I also called the plastic safety rail company and left a message asking if they recommended a specific manufacturer for their barriers. I can let you know when I hear back from them.

**PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION REQUEST  
Wednesday Council Meeting 9:30 AM**

**Council Meeting Date:** 4/27/2016

**Today's Date** 4/18/2016

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**Reason for the request:**

standardizing sidewalk + intersection barriers  
for visually-impaired people

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(signed)

- Give your request in writing to the Council Clerk's office to schedule a date for your Communication. Use this form or email the information to the Council Clerk at the email address below.
- You will be placed on the Wednesday official Council Agenda as a "Communication." Communications are the first item on the Agenda and are taken at 9:30 a.m. A total of five Communications may be scheduled. Individuals must schedule their own Communication.
- You will have 3 minutes to speak and may also submit written testimony before or at the meeting. Communications allow the Council to hear issues that interest our citizens, but do not allow an opportunity for dialogue.

***Thank you for being an active participant in your City government.***

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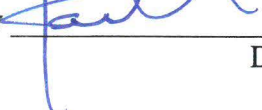
Request of Mark Francis to address Council regarding standardizing sidewalk and intersection barriers for visually-impaired people (Communication)

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