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## Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.

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### SWNI Testimony Regarding SW Corridor Plan IGA

April 20, 2016 City Council Item 381

Presented by Marianne Fitzgerald, Vice-Chair, SWNI Transportation Committee

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) has been engaged in the SW Corridor High Capacity Transit Plan since it began over five years ago. We have submitted numerous letters to staff and decision makers. We have consistently recommended that the SW Corridor Plan:

- Improve access to jobs, services and educational opportunities,
- Enhance safety for all transportation modes,
- Improve pedestrian, bicycle and transit infrastructure, and
- Preserve and enhance livability in our neighborhoods.

SWNI met with staff this spring to review progress on the Plan and the language in the draft Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro. The dialogue resulted in changes that resolve issues we raised.

We appreciate language such as Ordinance Section #2 that “the SW Corridor HCT Plan emphasize and respect the community’s land use vision as reflected in the Barbur Concept Plan and other adopted area and neighborhood plans.” The land use vision is very important to SWNI.

We appreciate the efforts of staff to communicate with SWNI and neighborhood representatives as this project approaches key decisions in developing the Preferred Alternative that will be further studied in the upcoming Draft Environmental Impact Statement phase.

We particularly commend City staff Erika Nebel and Teresa Boyle, and Metro staff Chris Ford, for their responsiveness to our concerns.

We know that a lot of additional work is needed to design the system and select critical transportation projects in the Shared Investment Strategy that are needed to access stations and key destinations, particularly due to the lack of existing sidewalk and bicycle infrastructure and transit options in our neighborhoods and along the Barbur corridor. SWNI intends to stay fully engaged in this process.

We look forward to the day when this high capacity transit system enhances transit access to key destinations in the Southwest Corridor.

We thank you, and we thank staff, for listening and responding to our concerns.



# City of Tualatin

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April 15, 2016

Mayor Hales and  
Commissioners  
1221 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mayor Hales and Portland Commissioners:

Thank you for your continued support for the Southwest Corridor Plan. This project will provide essential connections from Southwest Portland to Tigard and Tualatin via high capacity transit (HCT). This project will provide the last large link in the HCT network increasing access to jobs, housing, and recreation opportunities to the region. Specifically, the Southwest Corridor alignment will provide an efficient connection between Portland State University, Portland Community College, the Tigard Triangle, Downtown Tigard and Bridgeport Village.

The project also includes important bike, pedestrian and roadway improvements to provide people with commuting choices and congestion relief. Congestion impacts the region by slowing freight movement, increasing pollution, reducing quality of life and limiting access to jobs, schools and services. As the region continues to grow in population and businesses continue to expand and site in the Metro area the pressure on our roadways will continue to be strained.

The project is focused on providing transportation choices and access to key places in the project area. I appreciate your partnership and encourage your continued support of this regional project which will have a significant impact on our future residents and industries.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lou Ogden'.

Lou Ogden  
Mayor  
City of Tualatin





## WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

April 15, 2016

Mayor Hales and Commissioners  
1221 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mayor Hales and Portland Commissioners:

I want to encourage your continued support for the Southwest Corridor Plan. This project will benefit Portland, Washington County and the region as a whole by improving access to jobs, housing, education and essential services.

High capacity transit between the city center, Southwest Portland, Tigard and Tualatin that is integrated with important bicycle, pedestrian and roadway improvements will improve access in the corridor and connections to the regional transit system. The Southwest Corridor Plan will improve access to Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland State University, Portland Community College, Downtown Tigard, Bridgeport and other key destinations and communities in the Southwest Corridor.

Existing congestion on roads in the corridor, including I-5, 99W and parallel arterials, will increase as the region grows, adding to travel delay and reducing reliability. A multimodal approach to these problems is important to support our economic vitality and quality of life.

The SW Corridor Plan requires balancing many competing needs within the corridor. I look forward to our continued partnership and success on this effort.

Sincerely,

Andy Duyck, Chairman  
Washington County Board of Commissioners

c: Andrew Singelakis, Director Land Use & Transportation

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**From:** Marianne Fitzgerald <fitzgerald.marianne@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Novick; Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Saltzman; Hales, Mayor; Council Clerk – Testimony  
**Cc:** Nebel, Erika; 'Roger Averbeck'; Sam Pearson; Bogert, Sylvia; Boyle, Teresa  
**Subject:** City Council Agenda #148, Southwest Corridor Plan IGA

Mayor Hales and Members of the Portland City Council:

The Portland City Council will consider an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro regarding the Southwest Corridor Plan on Wednesday. I intend to testify in person, but wanted to let you know as soon as possible of significant concerns.

PBOT Staff Teresa Boyles emailed me about the IGA on Thursday afternoon. She said "it's the same IGA as the one executed by Council last February, amended to include the new dollar amount." However, I compared the 2015 IGA with the proposed 2016 amendment and found several significant changes in the language in the proposed 2016 amendment.

While this email is my personal testimony, the Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. Transportation Committee meets on Wednesday evening, February 17 (rescheduled due to the holiday) and the SWNI Board meets on February 24, and I would appreciate it very much if SWNI members could have an opportunity to review the draft IGA before City Council closes testimony on this IGA.

I am very concerned that the new language represents a retreat from prior commitments to the land use vision in the Barbur Concept Plan, adds new language regarding outcomes and benefits that we have not seen before, extends the schedule and essentially commits to additional funding in the future without any specific workplan (in fact, the draft IGA deleted an item from Metro's progress report that outlines tasks for future years and does not require a progress report beyond March 1, 2016), and makes some nuanced changes to community involvement that deletes words such as "meaningful input" and replaces them with "involves."

I have not had an opportunity to discuss these concerns with staff because I just read the materials today and can't contact staff until Tuesday. It would have been helpful if the draft IGA was in "track-changes" format for public review so City Council members and the public could see the specific edits.

Please allow additional time for testimony on the SW Corridor IGA in order to give citizens and organizations such as SWNI time to review and comment on the proposed changes to the language in the IGA. It would be helpful to extend it to March 2 in order to give SWNI and citizens in Portland time for more thorough review of the proposed changes.

Sincerely,  
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