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Planning & Sustainability Commission -

Please consider this written testimony (which I previously submitted to the City Council) at the PSC briefing on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. I would like it to be added to the record for the PSC briefing and considered by the Commission in opposition to the proposed closing of the Madison Plaza passage way.

Thank you.  
Amy Veranth

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Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Saltzman, Fish, Fritz, and Eudaly -

Please consider this email as written testimony against both the proposed closing of the Madison Plaza passageway and any changes to the existing ordinance that requires a permanent pedestrian easement between SW Park and SW 10th.

I live in the Eliot Tower opposite the back of the Portland Art Museum, and I use this passageway almost daily, including during hours that the Museum is closed. This is the route that I always use when walking to the Park Blocks or to stores downtown. Please do not permit the Portland Art Museum to turn this public passageway into a private barrier that I have to walk around. As a woman, I am more comfortable walking through this passage, particularly in the evening, than I am walking on the side streets.

This beautiful passageway is also a plus for the City. It provides an "open" and neighborly feeling that makes the city more attractive, and is one of the show-pieces that always impresses our visitors from out of town. Please keep it open.

Thank you.

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