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Subject: Portland Art Museum pavilion proposal

To Mayor Wheeler, Portland City Commissioners, and Planning and Sustainability Commission

I am writing to you concerning the Portland Art Museum's proposal to enclose the Madison Street pedestrian walkway for its expansion.

Please do not allow this to happen. Please ask the museum staff to consider and choose another architectural solution to fit their expansion needs as well as the pedestrian needs of Portlanders.

Hundreds of people pass through the Madison Street walkway each day. Enclosing this space will result in a physical and psychological barrier not only for people living nearby, but for people from other parts of town arriving by streetcar or on foot to reach the South Park blocks, theaters, Oregon Historical Society and even downtown.

I attended the April 20 city council meeting and heard the testimony against the museum's proposal in its current form. I also read the Willamette Weekly article on May 3. This isn't about the city suffering a "black eye." It is about maintaining Portland's walkability, which is also for the greater good.

The Madison Street pedestrian walkway has enjoyed almost 50 years of use. Please do not allow this little piece of open space paradise to be paved over for a parking lot - well, in this case, for a lobby!

Sincerely

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