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Dear Mayor Wheeler and City Commissioners:

The Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) offers our support of the updated River District Master Street Plan that will be coming before Portland City Council on April 15, 2020.

At the January 14, 2020, PSC hearing, Commissioner Quiñonez moved to "approve the River District Master Street Plan as proposed and forward it to City Council." Commissioner Spevak seconded. The motion received unanimous approval with nine yes votes.

The Master Street Plan in the River District governs the development of street and pedestrian connections in the Pearl District and Old Town neighborhoods and has been instrumental in establishing a traditional street grid as redevelopment has reshaped the area over the last 18 years. The update refines the street network and connections required within United States Postal Service site (USPS site), built upon the Council adopted 2015 Broadway Corridor Framework Plan. The USPS site is a publicly owned parcel and is the last remaining major development sites in the Pearl District. The update to the River District Master Street Plan will implement the Broadway Corridor Framework Plan vision of echoing the traditional Portland street grid with pedestrian-oriented connections while preserving room for a large extension of the North Park Blocks.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the review of this project and for considering our acceptance of the updated street plan.

Sincerely,

Eli Spevak Chair



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