



September 7, 2022 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, September 7, 2022 9:30 am

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Council convened at 9:37 a.m.

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Karen Moynahan, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Items 750 and 752 were pulled from the Consent Agenda and on a Y-4 roll call (Ryan absent), the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Council adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Communications

743

[Request of Karyn Munford to address Council regarding support for emergency greenway development at SW Troy St and SW Canby Ct](#) (Communication)

Document number: 743-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Robert Butler to address Council regarding safety on SE Division St](#) (Communication)

Document number: 744-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Fatima Magomadova to address Council regarding left turn option at SE Division St and SE 109th Ave](#)
(Communication)

Document number: 745-2022

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[Request of Evelyn Bross to address Council regarding ongoing concern with individuals living on private orchard property](#) (Communication)

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Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Michael Trimble to address Council regarding constituent outreach to Commissioner's office](#)
(Communication)

Document number: 747-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

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[*Authorize applications to the U.S. Department of Transportation for three grants not to exceed \\$47 million to provide critical transportation improvements](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190988

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

749

[Proclaim September 9-18, 2022 to be Welcoming Week](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 749-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Office of Community & Civic Life

Time certain: 10:05 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

Consent Agenda

750

[Accept bid of OpConnect, Inc. for the Charging as a Service Project for \\$3,492,600 \(Procurement Report - RFP No. 00001714\)](#) (Report)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Revenue and Financial Services

Agenda item 750 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Disposition: Rescheduled

Rescheduled to September 14, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

751

[*Authorize a purchase order with Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc. for an emergency response apparatus for a total amount not to exceed \\$1,724,735](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190987

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Portland Fire & Rescue

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

752

[*Authorize competitive solicitation and execution of price agreements for surveying and aerial mapping services in support of the Portland Bureau of Transportation for an amount not to exceed \\$6,300,000](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190989

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Agenda item 752 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

Thursday, September 8, 2022 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

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Wheeler: All right ladies and gentlemen. Why don't we go ahead and get started. Good morning, everybody. This is the wednesday september 7th, 2022 morning session of the portland city council. We apologize to everybody for the slight technical delay but we think we have it ironed out. Please call the roll.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Aye. -- here.

Clerk: Mapps, rubio, wheeler.

Wheeler: Here. Now, we'll hear on the rules of council and decorum.

Karen Moynahan: Good morning commissioners. Welcome to the portland city council. City council is holding a hybrid public meeting with limited attendance. If you wish to testify before council, you must sign up in advance by visiting the council agenda on the council clerk's web page. You may sign up for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions, reports, or the first readings of ordinances. In-person testimony may occur from city council chambers and the love joy room in city hall and the portland building. Written testimony may be submitted online. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying state your name for the record your address is not necessary. Disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you're representing an organization, please identify it. For testifiers

joining virtually. Unmute yourself once the council clerk calls your name. The offer -- the presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify. Unless the otherwise stated. A timer will indicate when your time is done. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up, or interrupting others testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given that further disruption may result in the person being ejected. A person who fails to leave the meeting is subject to arrest for trespass. Council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually. Thank you.

Wheeler: First item up.

Clerk: Request of karyn munford to look for support on southwest troy street and camby court.

Clerk: Sorry to interrupt. We're not hearing in the chambers.

Wheeler: Commissioner mapps can you keep talking. Good, now we can hear you. Karyn try again.

Wheeler: Can you start over we weren't able to hear the first part. We'll give you three full minutes but if you can start from the beginning we'd appreciate it.

*******:** Thank you for your time. And i wanted to bring this one matter to your attention because it's a potential safety issue and a featured green way and it's a neighborhood greenway and bikeway and perfect connector between barber boulevard and the village it's also plagued with high traffic upwards of 3,000 cars per day and has no sidewalks which is understandable. Sidewalks are expensive. There's an accident waiting to happen. The treat also happens to be one of the highest equity of all the area. You have people who depend out in to walk to grocery stores. The street is 200 feet from the village and we are -- we have frequent residents going up and down the street. I just see that as an accident

waiting to happen. They go to the food bank in the village and they're on the street with fast aggressive drivers have been noted to be very aggressive. Unfortunately, the proposed street has been moved to the road though there was a project that superceded. May i continue?

Wheeler: Karyn, can do you that for my own edification and i think i got the gist of it but can you summarize what you're asking the council to do.

*******:** Thank you. I'm asking for their help in possibly looking into proving the project forward because it is a safety issue and especially now they're in the sre is in the area and using it. It's more of a reason.

Wheeler: Now i get it.

*******:** That's my gist for being here and because water rushes off the street and floods out my basement and yard and so it's proposed to have something done in a couple more years but that makes it more dangerous.

Wheeler: Thank you for bringing that drainage issue up and i understand why it's frustrating. Next item.

Clerk: Request of robert butler to address council regarding safety on se division street.

*******:** I'm a resident of city of portland. Not a lobbyist. You know how my speech starts -- ukrainians are dying for freedom while we are killing freedom. The title to my talk is pdot stands for the portland bureaucracy of oppressive transportation department. Pdot is inclusion with trinet. And everyone is trying to drive or park their vehicles. This is to deter and obstruct the use of cars and trucks in our city. All of this is in the ideology of climate extremism. I mention the ideology of pdot in what i call the invasion of the medians and to discourage the automobile use with no thought how trucks will deal with the obstruction. I'll give an example. There's a plumbing company one block before the signal at 127th. When you leave that

building after dropping off freight, to get back on division to go south or west to get back on -- i forget, you're not going to do that. You're in for detour. Instead of turning left on division now you get to go up to the next signal 100 feet up and turn right on the 157th and then go all the way down to powell. And at powell there's a real tight turn, if you have a small truck, you can make it. If you have a big truck, you won't get through there. And from there you go all the way down and then back to 205 exit at division and back to practically where you started after a long detour. People leave their houses it's the same thing. When they get off their street they have to take a detour and can't go left or right and go to the traffic signal and do a u-turn and come back. The point of all this is this is suppression is causing road rage and accidents and increasing climate warming because of the detours and it's something not good for our city.

Wheeler: Thank you, robert.

*******:** You have to look for better solutions to climate control.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you, sir. Appreciate it. Next individual, 745, please.

Clerk: Request of fatima magomadova mag to address council regarding left-turn option at se division street and se 109th avenue.

Wheeler: Good morning.

*******:** I'm fatima magomadova the owner of the food store. I found out pdot's dirty secret. Workers told me about replacing concrete barrier medians in front of our store. I got into action and hired engineers and prepared presentations for city council but it was not to consider an alternative design to turning into 159th avenue. On tuesday august 9, i got an e-mail to the manger for pdot and mayor's office. The subject was the russian market pending layoffs. Importance, high. After that, mr. Grimes silence was deafening. I watched in horror the pouring of the 100-foot long concrete median and the lie pdot said that it was to be poured in

segments and they would facilitate future removal as justified. Today we have a 100-foot median blocking our store from our customers who are minorities and immigrant and the majority don't speak english. They lost their parking ability and ability to turn left instead they have to detour four blocks to a more narrow and dangerous u-turn. What's this mean to our thriving community? It means our voices are not important nor heard. There's a combination of an ideological plan to ignore the public outcry and let them suffer. And now i find we're losing our freedom. It is obvious to everybody that the transportation plan is terrible and the commission's office is at full speed to seven miles of 82nd avenue. And i'm sick and tired of this supremacy. Now it's my turn to say i'm sick and tired of the supremacy and i demand inclusiveness and equity for slavic community. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Next individual, please, item 746.

Clerk: Request of evelyn bros to address ongoing concern with individuals living on private orchard property.

Wheeler: Good morning.

*******:** Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

*******:** I live in the -- my parking lot is across the street is an orchard and behind the orchard is private property where homeless people have been camping out down to the train tracks camping out. There has been fires here and the officers have wished they knew who owned the property to get the homeless out of there. I found out that pacific union railroad owns the property. I gave the phone number and person to contact the thing is i haven't been able to contact that person because i called the headquarters and they said this person went to portland and i've never been able to contact him and let him know not only is it a safety hazard but the fire department has come out several times when a fire had gone up

against a neighbor's fence the other side of the orchard. A month ago i saw a bonfire going off and i had to call the fire department for that where the homeless are. At night, you hear cars honking and i'll go outside because i'm right there where the cars honk and the homeless are and there'll be cars honking and blasting the radio going in to see the homeless people. So they're blasting their music or honking their owns, going in or taking people into the orchard, behind the orchard for people to stay there and be homeless. This is an ongoing issue. It's a safety hazard for us residents and we're across the parking lot is the orchard and behind the orchard is the homeless people down to the train tracks and there's most likely debris and everything. I've never gone back there but it's something that needs attention and officers wished they knew who owned it because it's a hazard. Not only is it a concern for the residents here but the officers are concerned too and want the right people to be contacted to get these people out.

Wheeler: Thank you and with my check-in with the police chief i'll ask and our ability to go on private property is very limited but obviously the manifestations of the problem are pouring into the public right-of-way and i'll discuss it with the chief and an appreciate your presence today. Next individual cue item 747.

Clerk: Request of michael trimble to address council regarding constituent outreach to commissioner's office.

Wheeler: We can hear and see you.

*******:** This is addressed to commissioner hardesty. Had you responded or read the e-mails about the campaign and the social media posts you know i ran for governor and i lost and placed 5th in the gubernatorial candidate and the only candidate talking about tackling the unaffordable housing crisis which devastated so many and i appreciate your advocacy but you make it difficult to vote for you when you ignore correspondence and i don't have a staff or public office staff but

despite this disadvantage i responded to every e-mail, phone call and social media all while working full time. Not all of us can afford -- [no audio] but somebody took the time to read my social media posts that he was tagged in. Something you didn't do and still don't do. I agree with you more politically than not. You cannot afford to alienate a single voter. We're told the way we hold officials accountable is by reaching out but when an elected ignores an constituent we vote for the elected official's opponent. Are you really going to make me do this, commissioner hardesty. I want to vote for you but if i can take the time to respond, i even responded to republican voters who i knew would never vote for me but they reached out to me and i can't vote for somebody who doesn't respond to constituents' correspondence.

Wheeler: Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: I appreciate you being here today. Let me be really clear. I have prided my office on the best constituent response in the three plus years i've been here. You may know my constituent relations person had the opportunity after three years to get another job and i supported her in that effort. And in fact, we are in the process now we had a new position available. We had 50 applicants. I'm happy to say. Clearly people want to work in my office and i am this week interviewing the find candidates and michael let me say as much as i would love to personally respond to every constituent issue, it would be absolutely impossible for any individual to do so with the magnitude constituent correspondence and i believe the community i serve i believe will continue to support my efforts while in the seat. Thank you for being here today. My apologies you weren't responded to as quickly as you thought you should have been but again there are a lot of people looking for a lot of responses and again thank you for being here.

*******:** Well, thank you, you're pro-advocacy as am i and thank you for your response.

Hardesty: For your effort and for still believing democracy is possible.

*******:** Absolutely.

Wheeler: Thank you, michael. That concludes communication. Which items have been pulled the consent agenda.

Clerk: Two, 750 and 752.

Wheeler: And for the record, could you read 750 please.

*******:** Accept of op connect inge for the charging of \$3,492,600.

Wheeler: There's interest in a public discussion. I'd like to pull it and move it to next week's regular agenda. Any objection? Seeing none, we'll do that for 750. Call the roll on item 751.

Clerk: Hardesty.

*******:** Aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

*******:** Aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

*******:** Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted and we'll go to 748.

Clerk: Actions to the u.s. Department of transportation for three grants not to exceed \$47 million to provide critical transportation improvements. Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: I'm thrilled to present to council this agenda item. This agenda item allows us to apply for very specific grants that will assist us in doing major transportation projects as we move forward. And we have an excellent panel of

presenters to present today. Not sure if i'm turning it over to mark first which he's given me a thumbs up. If we're successful in achieving these grants the city of portland will achieve many the transportation milestones we envision as we come out of this pandemic and in the future without further ado i'll turn it over mark and let the panel speak and look forward to us answering any questions my colleagues may have as we move forward. Mark, take it away.

*******:** Thank you, commissioner and mayor for the introduction it's an honor for me to be here and present the grants. Let me share the power point. This gives the city to move forward with three grants with \$47 million. The good news is for decades or a long time of waiting we now have \$550 million and \$110 of that is on roads and bridges. That's good news and also great news we have the ability to use existing resources to leverage additional revenue. More than i've ever seen in my 26 plus years of work with the city on grant-related work is the amount of competition out there right now from the different local communities that are desperate to get some of the infrastructure investment is as fierce and competitive as i've seen and we've had our sleeves rolled up and developed good projects we think we can move forward and will use existing funds and that will continue to be a problem for some governments as we move forward with the bipartisan infrastructure law as it's sometimes called and think we're in a strong position for competitive projects. I'll turn it over to christen for more on the projects we're proposing.

*******:** I'm the planning division manager at pbot and pleased to talk about three opportunities we'd like to pursue for grant funding for important infrastructure needs. The first is a safety grant avenue. 105 second avenue is one of the top 5% of the most dangerous streets in the region and high-crash corridor in the city of portland. Pbot has recommended safety improvements and crossing and speed

reader boards to manage speed and intersection in promotes and transit improvements. Looking at ways to address the urban heat island effect with trees and a roadway in the organization reducing the lanes from five to three south of powell. So with the safe streets and roads for all surfaced we thought we can make an investment in 122nd. It's a huge change in realizing the safety and transforming the corridor to a safer street. The grant is flexible enough to allow us to continue to work with the community to refine the developments after the grant award to continue activities funded by the grant. The application is due september 15th and funds available 2023 and completion 2027. The next thing is the elimination crossing and you may have experienced blockages from trains and they have become longer and more frequent as the railroad has changed the way they operate their trains. This has impact whether you're walking, biking, driving a car or truck, moving freight. It affects the busses and the rapid transit effect. We would like to apply for a planning grant from the rail cross elimination program a \$1.5 billion level to do a comprehensive study of the rail crossings and do project development on early investment to apply for project funding in the next cycle. This is an important big picture look at the problem over all to have a clear road map for how to address the problem holistically. The application is due october 5. The third is a \$15 billion project to the industrial area between st. Johns and the industrial area. It's in the federal ridge investment program and category set aside for bridges. We require a 20% local match and in the lower right of your screen, this bridge is in poor condition. That's the bottom of the bridge and would change the configuration of the build.

*******:** Good morning, council. Thank you. I'm a partnership manage. Happy to be here today. We have been to council a few times related to our work we've continued to advance the work and taking a focussed look at the safety and

transportation design and development. And we're also continuing to develop a work plan to advance priority actions for the city in support of the division trust community investment plan. We're here to talk about the new u.s. Dot program. The pilot was created by the investment and jobs act a new program that allocates \$1 billion for five years and the dollars are specifically for projects that restore connectivity to communities that are cut off from economic opportunities by major transportation infrastructure, for project have solutions to help knit communities back together and it cannot undue all the damage that has didn't done. The grant opportunity provides federal funding opportunity for the highway as a central reconnecting feature for the future. First, the city and the trust are supporting an o-dot led grant for construction of the highway cover. The grant request will be \$100 million and any award of reconnecting the community will represent an initial investment in the cost. Which is another reason why it's really important for us to focus on the spending opportunity and to pull this together and score well in the reconnected communities pilot program and giving a higher level prioritization and other opportunities. There's also working with the trust on developing a planning grant that could help advance some core planning activities and partnership with community to really identify the next steps and more strategies to leverage the streets and new lands created by constructing. The planning grant is the total of \$50 million likely more in the rank of a million. We're continuing and this is a quick introduction. We'll be returning to council with part 2 to submit the deadline by october 15.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. I don't know if it's escaped us how significant the three projects are that are in front of us today. The fact we can make 122nd avenue safe would be huge for those who live, work and worship in that area. If you'd have told me a year, year and a half ago we'd be here in partnership with o-dot and the

vision trust and pbot i would have told you you are out of your mind. The reality is the rose quarter project is now in a place where we have the potential to get significant federal resource to help reimagine how we reconnect the community that was torn apart by previous freeway expansion projects. I don't want us to miss that this is huge. If we get just a piece of what we're after, we'll be on the road to make a difference that's climate resilient and multi-modal and will benefit the people who live, worship and work in the city today. I couldn't be prouder of the work that pbot has done to get us to this point. And we're happy to answer any questions that you may have on this project. I'll turn it back to you, mayor.

Wheeler: Thank you. I concur, commissioner, this is great work on behalf of the city and grateful we're at the point we are. I have a question. The first is a process one. I assume the projects have all been identified through j pact as regional project of significant and not only have the seal of approval from the city and those of us on the council but the region's support.

Hardesty: That's correct, mayor.

Wheeler: Very good. And my second is just a historical question. Regarding the railroad overpass, that was struck by an oil train some number of years ago. I'm surprised we're still in the process of trying to fix it. Why hasn't the railroad paid for it?

Hardesty: I'll turn it over to you, mark. Let me say we're still in negotiation with the federal government about their liability and responsibility to make that happen. Is that an accurate response, mark?

*******:** I think that is and i can follow-up too for additional information but last i heard we're still in the negotiations.

Wheeler: What's to negotiate? The overpass had been there for decades. It had been successfully navigated by every other oil train that went over the pass. Is it their contention that it suddenly moved and jumped in front of the train?

Mapps: Are you negotiating with the trains or railroad?

*******:** I don't want to act like i'm the person in the negotiations but have been party to some of the conversations in the past. The short story is the way the railroads established the relationship between local governments goes back a long time ago and set things up in a way to allow them to negotiate in ways that other parties aren't able to without getting into a lot of the details. Those the things we're working on. On a positive note, we are partnering with uprr on the rail grant and so as much as i think there was a lot of this meetings going we have to work with the railroad and your hands would go up, i think there's some changes on this front. I'm optimistic. I'm generally an optimistic person. There's some hope but i can follow-up with details.

Rubio: This bridge needs to be replaced regardless of the incident. It's seismically not resilient and it was a bridge we needed to attend to regardless of that piece.

Wheeler: Very good. Has there been any learning with regard to what caused that accident in the first place? I don't want -- look, i have a lot of respect for the railroad. I don't mean any disrespect but that was an oil train and the outcome could have been much much worse and i never really got satisfactory answer to why it happened.

*******:** I don't have the answer to that question.

Wheeler: I'd like to know the answer to that question.

Hardesty: Excuse me, mayor. My apologies. We did have invited guests i neglected to allow to speak.

Wheeler: Let's do that and commissioner mapps, i think you're next and then commissioner rubio after that but we'll go to the invited guests.

Hardesty: We have the getting there together coalition and a metro counselor. Welcome, all. We'll start with you, metro counselor.

*******:** Thank you very much and good morning, council and mayor wheeler. I share my support nor ingredient application to fund improvements along 122nd avenue and as the metro councilor for district 6 a portion runs along my community. There's a special refugee community. There's a bus line corridor that runs from the north edge of the city to the south. It serves as an important route to get the jobs, services and community destination. It's also a high-crash corridor and the top 5% of the most deadly and high injury streets in the portland metro area. For these reasons it's become a high priority for funding and considered a top priority during the development of the let's get moving 2020 ballot measure. There's a recognition of additional funding to address safety issues. And flexible funding dollars for this and 122nd avenue is in need of greater investments and someone who lives and works i'm very excited about the new investment coming to the corridor but 82nd avenue is where east portland starts. I hope you'll support this as an important step to transforming the dangerous corridor with the process designed to continue to weigh in on specific improvements. Thank you for your time.

Hardesty: Next.

*******:** Good morning, council. I'm from the division trust. I'm here to offer brief comments in support of the applications to the u.s. Department of transportation and in particular we'd like to highlight the portion that goes to the reconnecting communities grants program. We'll be back to talk more about the planning grant we'll all submit together but today i want to provide a little bit of context and

reaffirm the city's support over the last five years to make sure together with partners we ensure the corridor improvement project addresses both the physical and the strong position. Our collective efforts preceded federal recognition and existence of federal funds specifically targeted towards addressing the harmful legacy of 20th century urban freeway and because we're committed to doing the right thing proactively we're in a position to be competitive nationally to take advantage of the historic opportunities. As we heard in the testimony when i.g.a. Came council the construction of the freeway covers the objectives we set forward but was critically important and why we're supporting the construction grant to build the freeway covers and the planning grant to make sure what happens afterwards serves the community and the layout of the vision. We'll be back to go over the planning grant but thank you as always for your steadfast support.

Hardesty: And last but not least adriana.

*******:** I'm with a multi-generational coalition that uplifts the voices of those impacted by transportation inequities through advocacy, access and leadership. We strongly support the pbot safe streets and roads for all grant application and the safety improvements on 122nd avenue and there's traffic safety issues that disproportionately impact those there and it's the busiest corridor over 6 miles in length and serves neighborhood centers and supports connection to jobs and additional locations and programs and many live and work nearby and there's ethnically diverse areas and many have high crash rates and infrastructure for bike lanes that have pedestrian crossings and there's a stressful environment for those in transit. And you see the many transit stops do not have benches or other amenities which makes it less usable and functional and it's crucial to improve the stops and in addition to the maintenance and upkeep the space needs to be comfortable for pedestrians and 122nd is less attractive to people using it because

there's limited trees and the shade is worsened by the width and it's a hostile environment and many lost their lives on 122nd. One person was biking and nine were people driving. It must safety and convenience to the diverse population. There's proposed safety improvements to improve conditions for pedestrians and those biking and taking the bus. That will reduce the vehicle speeds. The improvements will help to address safety and vulnerable users in this area of portland. I support the grant application. Thank you for your time.

Hardesty: That concludes the testimony.

Wheeler: Thank you all for showing up and testifying today. We appreciate that and know everybody's busy but these are important projects. Thank you for your great work. Commissioner mapps and then commissioner rubio.

Mapps: Thank you. I think technically rubio may be in front of me but as long as i'm unmuted i can go and thanks to commissioner rubio. I support all the projects. Glad to see us apply for the grants. Starting with the railroad study, like every portlander i've gotten stuck behind trains and exciting to see a solution emerge and trying to imagine what a solution would look like. I don't know if anyone can give a sense of what the possibilities look like. I spent hours pondering how to make this go away. I don't know if mark or kaitlin are in a position to comment or if it's just too early.

*******:** It's too early and why we want to do the study and we've looked at 8th and 12th over the years and crossings on the east side are hard and there may be better defined plans and we want to think about it in the context of the whole stretch and how operations can change over and how delays affect the system and it's a complex knot to untie. As we move further to the north, there's been less in the west study of it to date and we want to think of those things together before we make what we think are investments in the system.

Wheeler: Second and last question. It would be helpful to pull up the slide from your presentation which deals with deaths and injuries on 122nd. It is easy to get through that slide? Thank you. Look at this i was struck by the number of serious injuries and fatalities specifically at stark and 122nd. That jumps out there. I know we have lots of plans to improve 122nd and a hope we get this grant that will allow us to make improvements there. And what we see in the space is kind of astounding. Even if we don't get the funding it's important we take a close look and make improvements. I don't know what it means but it's unacceptable. It's more of a statement than a question. I'll let it lie or if someone has a response, i welcome it.

*******:** We'll be moving into design.

Wheeler: Thank you.

*******:** The tracks, i want to also lift up and appreciate the work of pbob and commissioner hardesty and take advantage of the opportunities for funding. My question is about the and the funding opportunities. Is this the only time we'll be able to apply? What is the landscape for and over what period of time?

*******:** We're in the first year of a five-year cycle under the infrastructure law. One of the things this erthat was this a little bit of an intense process where notice of funding opportunities were coming out on multiple grants every couple weeks. We hear in the next year they'll have a more coordinated effort that happens maybe in the first quarter of next year, consolidating some of the grant requests. Hopefully we'll be coming back to city council on a more regular basis but at least once a year multiple times we'll be able to highlight the opportunities but the feds are trying to have a more streamlined process that will help local governments and public involvement in ways. It's a little bit hard when there's a notice of funding opportunity for new and changed programs. Not sure it changes the question but we'll be back and lots of opportunities in the future.

Rubio: That's great to hear. So there's many more opportunities coming forward but in the next five years --

*******:** Only thing i want to touch that with is if at the end of the day, if we get a couple big bridge projects funded and some investments on like 122nd that would be transformational to our city but still leaves us with a lot of need. We're as well positioned as we have been thanks to city council and community for the grants but it will still leave needs and lots of opportunities to address our biggest problems.

Wheeler: Very good. Colleagues, any further questions? Do we have further comments?

Clerk: Two people signed up. Robert butler and aaron ford but i don't believe they're on the line.

Wheeler: This is an emergency ordinance. Please call the roll.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Again, i want to thank all the incredible hard working staff at pbob including mark crispin and kaitlin and megan. We have done incredible work and moving things forward and what other opportunities are there, i'll say we're well positioned because we continue to go to congress as a united front and they find it easier to support our ask because we're normally united in what we ask for and every election cycle matters whether or not those funds will be available and what we know today is that it's a competitive process and believe we're well positioned to seek as much as financial support as possible for the grants moving forward. I'm happy to vote aye and i look forward to the good results that will come from these grant applications.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: I vote aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: I want to thank commissioner Hardesty and the PBOT team and the diligent work you take to sift through the opportunities. It sounds complex and you do it well. Thank you for the great work. Excited about the transformative changes. I'm happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: I'll extend my thanks to PBOT and Commissioner Hardesty and her team and thanks to the Biden administration for recognizing there's a withering infrastructure need across the country and many are basic infrastructure needs we've identified for a long time and glad the funds are available and I hope we are successful. I suspect we're in a good position and have strong delegation support and have strong partnerships in place and seems like we have the magic formula boxes checked here in terms of what I would expect the federal government to look for in the applications. I vote aye and let's keep going the good work and keep our fingers crossed and be successful. I vote aye and the ordinance is adopted. Next item also a time certain item. 749 and that is a proclamation.

Clerk: September 9 through 18, 2022 to be welcoming week.

Wheeler: This is a great opportunity and proud to support this with Commissioner Hardesty as a proclamation.

Hardesty: I appreciate your partnership and the welcoming week proclamation. I'm pleased to join colleagues in recognizing September 9 through 18th of 2022 as welcoming week in the city of Portland and led by the nonprofit Welcoming America to make our communities more welcoming to all those who call Portland home. It reaffirms Portland as a sanctuary city and make Portland a place where everyone feels welcomed, safe, represented and supported. It's our responsibility as a sanctuary city to stand with our immigrant and refugee community members to let them know you are welcomed here. Have welcomed here. Regardless of

immigration status, place of origin, language, religion, and any other factors. And due to crisis abroad thousands of immigrant and refugees [no audio] -- a program helps educate the public on immigrant issues and is an important point of contact for these communities to engage with city government as they adjust to life in a new place and build community. The program and its advisory committee the new portlanders policy commission partners with portland's communities to help create equitable services, resources and policies in the city of portland. I want to give a huge thank you to the immigrant and refugee coordinator mariah clinico for organize the events and being a strong advocate for equitable service for all portlanders. I also want to thank partners like the immigrant and refugee community organization, catholic charities, lutheran community services and ministries for the important work they do in our communities every day. Thanks for joining us to celebrate, educate and build a stronger community at welcoming week. Lastly, i want to invite everyone listening to join the city of portland and our diverse communities to the mini welcoming week events around portland from friday september 9 through sunday 18 including this friday at ventura park in east portland for the kickoff event. All are welcomed in the city of portland. Thank you, mayor.

Wheeler: Thank you. We have some guest speakers to hear this morning. We have the new portlanders policy commission. Good morning.

*******:** Good morning. Mayor and city council and mayor. I'm here to speak on welcoming week as a commissioner from my commission. I'm going to tell you who stories about my life that will highlight the importance of human voice. We had no power and the water was scarce. Through the night i peered through a small window to our front yard and can make eight large men with automatic weapons moving around in haste searching for something. I met my mom's gaze and she

said it, don't speak. Hide. If they hear your voice, they'll kill you or worse. And we survived genocide through traumatic escape to united states and i was 12 and excited to start middle school. Everything was different and unknown. As i settled back into my class i tried to sit in the back and avoid eye contact as i didn't know all the english words. And i was smaller in size and i was asked for something. I couldn't figure it out. You don't hear speak and they ask are you stupid or something. I quickly learned english words to have a voice to use it in my defense. I'm asking city council today stop speaking for so-called voiceless and start working alongside them. Make space for them and make sure their voices are heard and welcome and make space in capital design and planning efforts to ensure all portlanders especially refugee communities have a voice. A promise given to the community through the ordinance and there was attention to integrate immigrant voices into policies and decision making and they're passionate that are immigrants and refugees that live in portland and found themselves voiceless when it comes to their ability to integrate their community needs in to in the city of portland policy and decision making. We can do better. We can all create space for each other i urge to make space and make voices louder to succeed together. Thank you, so much.

Wheeler: Thank you, maya. We appreciate it. Next we'll hear from a community advocate. Good morning, herald.

*******:** Thank you, mayor wheeler and commissioners. Thank you for giving me the opportunity for getting to talk to you today. I'm going to represent as the mayor talked about a lot of the communities. I represent a lot of the african american and immigrant communities. And again, i'd like to say thanks for having the welcoming week. The thing i'd like to see is i think something like this welcoming week should have happened like maybe 50 years ago because the immigrant and refugees have

not just been here for the last two years. They've been here like for the longest time ever. Having this is something i'd say is a good step forward as we get to move along as you hear stories. I get to put on many different hats within the community and many different things with different organizations. The other thing i'd like to tell you is a lot of things i've wanted to see over time and one thing i get to do i'm a state registered interpreter. I get to see a lot of different things that the immigrants face especially those who don't get to speak english. So when you get hear the horrendous stories of things they talk about and passing through and just making sure that having the immigrants have support i think is one big thing and given for the city of portland giving the opportunity is something that is good and it will be steps towards getting to make sure that immigrant and refugees are recognized for the things they get to do. One thing that when i get hear a lot of things city of portland does, it would be my hope that one of the fine days that we can even have a center that is predominantly dedicated to the immigrant and refugees and be able to get to -- and be able to showcase their culture. These are things that people don't know. People don't understand. There's so many things where people get to do things and people don't understand like who's this man with such a long name and you can't pronounce and all that and getting to understand the immigrant and getting to know and understand their culture and where they can be able to showcase and prove to you and let you know when they come here, they come with many different things they can offer and come with many different aspect of things you can also be able to learn and understand. And so getting to have this going on i'd say is a step in the right direction and definitely for me what i would say is thank you so much for giving us this opportunity and we look forward to working in a lot of collaboration with you. Thank you so much.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here. We'll now move to council remarks. Councilor mapps.

Mapps: Thank you, mr. Mayor. Colleagues, i'm delighted to join you in september 9 through september 18 to be welcoming week in portland. And i'd like to thank commissioner hardesty for bringing this item forward and want to thank maya for sharing her powerful story and appreciate herald for being here today and his advocacy on behalf of portland's immigrant community. I feel like we should also recognize folks like maria in civic life and the portlanders commission on immigrant and i'd like to share a personal note. This week it resonates deeply. We have more than 82 million people around the world who are refugees looking for a place to call home. They come from places like syria, venezuela, south sudan, the democratic republic of congo and ukraine and of course afghanistan. I'm glad portland has an opportunity to welcome all these folks and i'm also glad this year's celebrations includes in person and virtual events. In particular, i am looking forward to opening ceremonies for welcoming week september 9th at ventura park and also excited for citizenship day september 16 at p.c.c.'s cascade campus. I also would be remiss if i didn't put a plug in for one of my favorite portland events of the year, the festival of nations street fair, september 17 at 146th and division. Of course, you will not want to miss multi-cultural festival september 18th at ventura park and we're looking forward to the return of my people's market september 17th and 18th at the omsi parking lot. I encourage all portlanders to participate in the events and encourage every portlander to join me in making portland a city that welcomes all.

Wheeler: Commissioner rubio.

Rubio: I want to thank the folks from the policy commission for a critical part of the advocacy voice on behalf of the immigrant and refugees. It reminds me of my family's immigrant experience in and the incredibly important role that welcoming

community makes. It can be a significant quality of life and feeling of safety difference. I think of how determined my parents and grand parents and uncles and aunts ensured we had opportunities they didn't and how much love and sacrifice it takes to choose this path for their families. I'm appreciative of all the stories we heard and all those like these and want to recognize the hardship immigrant face and continue to face like the texas action that further targets asylum speakers. We need to reject these actions and need to operate within a new paradigm of radical inclusion and one that has the presence of justice in our city as well. This is ensuring that all of our immigrant and refugee communities are engaged in decision making that impacts their lives. That's why this commission and our employees and our community leaders are so important. As is the work they do every single day. I agree with mia's words we can do better and will do better and owe this to the families still sacrificing for a better life and opportunities like my grandparents and parents did as well. Thank you commissioner hardesty, thank you civic life and portlanders policy commission for your work and dedication to our community.

Wheeler: I want to thank the office of community and civic life and maria and marco. They're with the immigrant and refugee program for drafting the proclamation and want to thank the office of equity and human rights for their consultation during the process and finally i want to thank welcoming america and the activists, artists, performers and volunteers participating in the many events over the course of welcoming week. Now i'll read the proclamation on behalf of the portland city council. Whereas the city of portland recognizes immigrant and refugees contribute to a culturally vibrant, prosperous and multi-cultural community, and whereas, regardless of where we're born or how we identify, we are portlanders and our lives are interdependent. By fostering a welcoming

environment for all regardless of immigration status, race, ethnicity, place of origin, english language proficiency, sexual orientation, differentiating abilities and age and factors, we enhance portland's health economic prosperity and well being for current and future generations. Whereas, on june 17, 2020 city of portland commissioners voted it approve a resolution that created a strict no-tolerance policy for racism, discrimination and bias in the workplace and continues to encourage all city employees and services to operator with the values of anti-racism, equity, collaboration, communication, fiscal responsibility and the spirit of unity and safety and belonging begins with us and we must continue to act like a sanctuary city where everyone feels valued and safe. And whereas, all portlanders and portland institutions must commit to helping immigrant and refugee communities be on the proclamation and make portland a welcoming place for you will. Whereas, in the last year the city of portland has received several thousands african and ukrainian parolees and will continue to see other communities continue to grow. And whereas, portland is a member of welcoming america. A national nonprofit and governments and nonprofits around the nation and world to pledge to become a welcome place for new and long-term residents alike. And whereas, the city of portland is once again leading the way by hosting welcoming week for the second year with the theme, where we belong. Now, therefore, i ted wheeler, mayor of the city of portland, the city of roses proclaim september 9, 2022, through september 18, 2022 to be welcoming week in portland and do further declare the city of portland, oregon to be a community that welcomes all. Thank you. That completes the time certain agenda. Looks like all we have is the one item pulled from consent. Item 752.

Clerk: Competitive solicitation and execution of price agreements for surveying support.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: This is pulled off.

Wheeler: Who pulled this?

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Clerk: He's no longer on the call.

Wheeler: Is there further discussion? This is an emergency ordinance, call the roll.

Clerk: Hardesty.

*******:** Aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

*******:** This not only benefits pbot and i believe parks also participates in this important mapping program. Efforts like this are the tools we need to make the city run officially and for these reasons and more i vote aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

*******:** Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted and we are adjourned.