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Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League

1980

S. M. I. L. E.

1436 S. E. SPOKANE STREET

PORTLAND, OREGON 97202

November 3, 1980

Mr. Mike Bauer Bureau of Traffic Engineering 317 S. W. Alder Portland. Oregon 97204

Dear Mr. Bauer:

On August 21st a committee from SMILE met with you to discuss possible alternatives to the left turn signal proposed for the 17th Avenue and Bybee intersection. The committee's recommendations were referred to the membership at the September meeting and were approved. I recently discovered that I was mistaken in assuming that you had been informed of this action.

The committee recommended as follows:

- That the left-turn signal proposal be deferred and studied as a part of the McLoughlin improvement proposal.
- 2. That "No Truck" signs be requested on 17th between Nehalem and McLoughlin.
- 3. That the posted speed between Nehalem and McLoughlin on 17th be reviewed, recognizing that the area is primarily residential.
- 4. That the parking prohibited, or "duck out" lane north of the 17th and Bybee intersection be reviewed to see if it could be shortened.

We would appreciate the Bureau's consideration of these recommendations and a response as to their disposition.

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Catherine Sohm, President

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Mildred A. Schwab, Commissioner Terry D. Sandblast, Director Room 1002, 1120 S.W. Fifth Avenue Portland, Oregon 97204-1966 (503) 796-7701

BUREAU OF PLANNING

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Traffic Engineering

August 11, 1982

To:

North of Burnside Study Participants

From:

Jan Childs, Project Manager

North of Burnside Implementation and Management Program

Re:

Continuation of Portland Historical Landmarks Commission Action

on North of Burnside Implementation and Management Program Report

At its August 11, 1982 meeting, the Portland Historical Landmarks Commission decided to delay action on the North of Burnside Implementation and Management Program Report until its August 25, 1982 meeting.

Public testimony will be taken and a Landmarks Commission recommendation on the Report finalized at the August 25, 1982 meeting.

The meeting will be held in the Portland Building, 1120 SW Fifth Avenue, Second Floor, beginning at 12:00 noon.

June 20. 1980

City of Portland, Senior Traffic Engineer, Mario Martini and Multnomah County Commissioners

TRAFFIC SELLWOOD-MACADAM AVENUE AREA

ON BEHALF OF 42 UNIT OWNERS OF QUAYSIDE CONDOMINIUM LOCATED AT THE END OF S. E. NINTH ST. IN THE SELWOOD AREA, WE WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT WE SEEM TO BE IGNORED ON OUR TRAFFIC PROBLEMS. ON NOVEMBER 11, 1979 I WROTE TO CONNIE MCCREADY AND TRAFFIC PLANNER REQUESTING THAT WE BE CONSIDERED FOR A THROUGH STREET ON 9THE AND NO PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE.

WE HAVE NEXT TO US WAVERLY SURF APARTMENTS. AND JUST NORTH OF THEM ON MARION ST. SALTYS RESTUARANT WITH THE NEW PORTARBOUR CONDOS CONSISTING OF 115 UNITS, SELLWOOD HARBOR WITH 37 UNITS AND THESE ADDED TO WAVERLY'S 40 UNITS, OUR QUAYSIDE 42 UNITS TOTAL 234 UNITS. THIS WOULD ESTIMATE OUT TO BE ABOUT 300 CARS PLUS THE RESTUARANT TRAFFIC. USING EITHER NINTH ST. OR MARION ST. FOR ACCESS. SINCE LINN WAS CHANGED WE CANNOT EXIT EXCEPT ON MARION TO GO TO MILWAUKIE, SINCE CARS ARE PARKED AT THE SERVICE GARAGE ON 17th AND MARION IT IS DIFFICULT TO EXIT ONTO 17th BESIDES THE CONSTANT LACING IN AND OUT TO MISS ONCOMING TRAFFIC WITHPARKED CAMPERS CARS ETC.

NO LEFT TURNS ON 17TH AVENUE AND THE PROPOSED BARRICADES ON 15TH MEANS THE GENERAL PUBLIC TRYING TO GUESS HOW TO GET TO THE RIVER TO SALTYS RESTUARANT IS AN ADDITIONAL HAZZARD. FOUR OF US AT QUAYSIDE HAVE HAD ACCIDENTS IN THIS IMMEDIATE AREA, MYSELF INCLUDED IN A BROADSIDE AT 13th AND LINN.

TO ATTEMPTITURNS RIGHT FROM TACOMA OFF SELLWOOD BRIDGE MEANS HOPING NO VEHICLE IS STOPPED AT THE CORNER OF NINTH AS YOU CANNOT CLEAR SOME OF THE TRUCKS AND RISK BEING REAR ENDED FROM ONCOMING EAST TACOMA TRAFFIC.

THE PROMISED OFF RAMPS OF THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE ARE LONG OVERDUE AND THE MACADAM TRAFFIC BECOMES WORSE DAILY WITH ALL THE NEW OFFICE AND CONDO CONSTRUCTION AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR THE WIDENING ORIGINALLY MNETIONED MANY YEARS AGO THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE WHEN JOHN GRAY WAS GIVEN THE BUILDING GO AHEAD FOR THE LANDING CONDOMINIUMS. MACADAM WILL BECOME THE WORST HAZZARD WITH THE TACOMA BACK UP AND OUR ABILITY TO GET OUT OF THE AREA WITHOUT AT LEAST TWO THROUGH STREETS WILL BECOME MORE DIFFICULT. WE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ON THE BASIS OF AT LEAST ELEVEN (11) RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS AND NOT IGNORED ON THE LOCAL "SMILE MEETINGS" OF WHICH WE SELDOM ARE AWARE OF BEING HELD ON MATTERS WHICH WOULD CONCERN USL

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HELEN D. SCHAUERMANN QUAYSIDE CONDONMINIUM UNIT #203-790 S. E. WebberSt. Portland, Or

OUR CURRENT BOARD CHAIRMAN IS LIONEL CHURCH UNIT #210

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BUREAU OF

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

December 10, 1980

Catherine Sohm 7212 S.E. 17th Ave. Portland, Oregon 97202

Dear Ms. Sohm:

We have received the bureau responses on the **Sellweig** diverters. I'm sorry for thellong time this has taken.

Temporary diverters were installed on November 7, 1980 for the ninety day test.

Attached are the bureau responses. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Bill Wetmore at 248-4291.

Sincerely,

M. J. Martini Sr. Traffic Engineer

MJM: WKW: mc



September 22, 1980

BUREAU OF TRAFFIC

AND ADMINISTRATION
NEIL GOLDSCHMIDT
MAYOR

D.E. BERGSTROM CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER

420 S.W. MAIN ST, PORTLAND, OR, 97204 503/248-4295 Resident 6425 S.E. 15th Ave. Portland, Oregon 97202

Dear Resident:

The Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League (S.M.I.E.E.) has requested that parking be prohibited on the north side of S.E. Duke from 14th to 16th. The League felt that parking on both sides of the narrow street creates a hazard and that "No Parking" should continue west from Kienow's where it presently exists to 14th.

The Bureau of Traffic Engineering has approved this request. Signs will be installed the week of October 13, 1980.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Loomis, S.E. Field Representative at 248-4437.

Sincerely,

N. N. Nozaki Field Representative II

NNN:JL:mc

cc: Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League Catherine Sohm, President (1436 S.E. Spokane St. 97202) fell copy URB 3-19.1

Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League

S. M. I. L. E.

1436 S. E. SPOKANE STREET

PORTLAND, OREGON 97202

August 11, 1980

Mr. Don Bergstrom Bureau of Traffic Engineering 317 S. W. Alder St. Portland. Oregon 97204

Dear Mr. Bergstrom:

The enclosed letter from Mrs. Cleo Brainerd regarding the problem created by cars parking opposite each other on an extremely narrow street was discussed at the August meeting of the neighborhood association. Following her telephone call, I drove along Duke street and could just get through in my 1965 Chevrolet. She had been driving a large van and had to back up a one way street into a busy parking lot, and was understandably upset.

The membership agreed that parking on both sides of this narrow street creates a hazard, and voted to request that parking be prohibited on the north side of Duke between Milwaukie and 14th Avenue. It is now prohibited to the end of Kienows parking lot. It was stated by a resident of 15th Avenue that the only property owner who might be inconvenienced is an elderly man who keeps his car in his garage.

We will appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Sohm, President

cc: Mrs. Cleo Brainerd

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TINKHAM G. HAIGHT
790 S.E. Webber St. #109
Portland, Oregon, 97202

June 19, 1980

BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING 317 S.W. Alder St. Portland, OR, 97204

Atten: Mario Martini

Re: Sellwood-Moreland Traffic

Dear Mr. Martini:

I am writing this letter because the City should know that the Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League does not represent all of the area residences. There are a number of us who disagree and we feel the City should be aware of the feelings we have regarding the traffic between 17th Ave. and 13th Ave. South of Tacoma St.

For example, I reside in a 42 unit complex on S.E. Webber St. just East of 9th Ave. My wife and I shop in Milwaukie and attend Church in Milwaukie. Coming from Milwaukie presently we cannot turn left from 17th Ave. on Linn St. to go East to 9th Ave. We must use Marion St. which has many more homes along it than Linn St. and therefore many more cars parked along the curbs.

If all left hand turns are prevented along 17th Ave. up to Tacoma St. it means that somewhere along Tacoma St. we must make a left hand turn to get South again to Webber St. A left hand turn signal at 13th Ave. and Tacoma St. might be a solution but that certainly is a long way around for those of us living considerably South of Tacoma St.

Another solution could be to make Linn St. one way and Marion St. one way the other direction. But, to close off Linn St. from both ends is nonsence and we think it should be re-opened.

When making the final decision please remember it is far more dangerous to turn left from Tacoma St. than it is from 17th Ave. as the traffic travels much faster on Tacoma St. Also, the number of homes on Linn St. compared to the others should be a factor in the considerations.

Thank you for any considerations you can give to us.

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Cordially,

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S. M. I. L. E.

1436 S. E. SPOKANE STREET

PORTLAND, OREGON 97202

September 10, 1980

Mr. Mario J. Martini Senior Traffic Engineer Bureau of Traffic Engineering 317 S. W. Alder Street Portland. Oregon 97204

Dear Mr. Martini:

It is the understanding of the Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League that the property owners on Linn Street have, in agreement with SMILE's position, reconsidered their objection to the Molded Container Corporation's trucks using Linn Street for trips between their plant on 13th Avenue and their warehouse in the industrial park east of 17th.

While SMILE has been thoroughly sympathetic to the plight of Linn Street residents in coping with commuter traffic using their street as a short cut to avoid the 17th and Tacoma light, we feel that Molded Container Corporation is a substantial part of our community and is entitled to conduct its business without undue hardship imposed by the neighborhood.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Sohm, President

cc: John Normandin

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BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING August 12, 1980

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chief Baker, Police Bureau

FROM:

M. J. Martini, Bureau of Traffic Engineering

SUBJECT: South Sellwood Traffic Diverters

We have received a petition signed by the majority of residents of an area in Sellwood requesting traffic diverters as shown on the enclosed map.

We would appreciate your review and comments. If you have any questions please contact Bill Wetmore at 4291.

MJM:ah

August 12, 1980

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chief Sargant, Fire Bureau

FROM:

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August 12, 1980

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Bill Owens, Park Superintendant

Park Bureau

FROM:

M. J. Martini, Bureau of Traffic Engineering

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BUREAU OF POLICE

CHARLES JORDAN COMMISSIONER

B. R. BAKER CHIEF OF POLICE

222 S.W. PINE PORTLAND, OR. 97204 May 5, 1980

MEMORANDUM

T0:

M. Martini

Traffic Engineering

FROM:

Lt. Coffey

Traffic Division

SUBJECT: Traffic control signs

"No Left Turn during specified hours"

Please be advised that the Traffic Division position relative to the above is negative for the following reasons:

Confusing to the general public and particularly to drivers not familar with the area.

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2. Hours specified, such as "4 P.M. to 6 P.M." could not be inforced due to the fact that this is the high incident time period for accidents and other related traffic problems.

It seems reasonable that if an intersection warranted a "no left turn" sign, it should be on a 24 hour basis.

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July 7, 1980

Mr. John Normandin Molded Container Corporation P.O. Box 02096 Portland, OR 97202

Dear Mr. Normandin,

The Seadwood-Moreland Improvement League (S.M.O.L.E.) is now in the process of soliciting signatures for a petition to request the City to install traffic diverters on a 90 day trial basis.

Under their proposal, diagonal diverters would be installed in a northeast-southwast direction at S.E. 15th/Marion, S.E. 16th/Clatsop and S.E. 15th/Sherrett. Additionally, 4-way stops would be installed on S.E. Umatilla at 15th and 16th and 2-way stops on Tenino at 15th and 16th. The existing one-way on Linn would be retained.

The purpose of their plan is to deter through traffic from dsdmg the neighborhood streets. If this plan is permanently implemented, you would be required to use Umatilla or Tacoma as the other streets would be too narrow to safely negotiate large trucks.

As Bill Stark of this bureau has indicated, to you, we are suggesting that you continue to use Umatilla until the S.M.I.L.E. petition has been processed. Hopefully this matter can be resolved before the Sellwood School reconvenes this fall.

Sincerely,

Mario J. Martini

Senior Traffic Engineer

MJM/WES/as

cc: Catherine Sbbm, Pres., S.M.I.L.E.
Office of the Mayor
Commissioner Frank Ivancie
Commissioner Charles Jordan
Commissioner Mike Lindberg



URB 3-19.1

CITY OF PORTLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE (NOT FOR MAILING)

June 20, 1980

From

Commissioner Schwab

To

Traffic Engineering

Addressed to

Don Bergstrom

Subject

Letter from Molded Container Corp.



Attached hereto you will find a copy of a letter which I have received from Molded Container Corporation outlining their problems.

I would appreciate receiving your comments on this letter in order that I may respond directly to them.

I think it would be advisable if you also sent them a copy of your response to me.

Thank you.

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Mayor McCready cc:

Commissioner Ivancie

John Normandin



Martin OFFICE OF Connie McCready MAYOR



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THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

June 24, 1980

Mr. John Normandin MoldedContainer Corporation P.O. Box 02096 Portland, Ore. 97202

Dear Mr. Normandin:

Thank you for your letter outlining the traffic and access problems faced by your company. am forwarding a copy of your letter to Don Bergstrom, Traffic Engineer for the City of Portland so that he can assign a member of his staff to investigate your concerns.

I am asking that he communicate any suggestions or solutions directly to you with a copy to my office once his recommendation is available.

I appreciate your sharing these problems with me. Let me know if I can be of further help.

Sincerely,

Connie McCready Mayor

cc: Don Bergstrom SMILE

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Molded Container Corporation

Packaging for the Food Industry

8823 S. E. Thirteenth Avenue • P. O. Box 02096 • Phone: (503) 233-8601

PORTLAND, OREGON 97202

June 16, 1980

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Mayor Connie McCready 1220 S.W. 5th Portland, Oregon 97204

MAYOR'S OFFICE



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Dear Mayor McCready:

Molded Container Corporation has a problem that has been festering for months, and will ultimately end up in front of the city council for mediation.

The neighborhood is being effectively closed to truck traffic by "No Truck" signs. All but one street has been closed, and that street runs past a hospital and a grade school. You can appreciate the dangers involved with that.

Molded Container employs an average of 130 people, with an annual payroll of approximately \$1,200,000.00. We draw our employees from throughout the city, with a large concentration in the Sellwood neighborhood. Our manufacturing plant creates no noise, polution, or any disturbance for our neighbors, and we are considered to be good for the area by those same neighbors.

A majority of our raw materials are brought in by truck, and all of our finished goods are shipped by truck, our own as well as a variety of common carriers. We operate our trucks between 7:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, and all of our shipping and receiving is done during those hours.

Our manufacturing plant is located between 11th and 13th on Linn street. We have warehouse space in the old Hudson House plant at 17th and Ochoco. The only street open between these two places is S.E. Umatilla. Tacoma street is available, but traffic engineering has requested that we do not use it because large trucks cannot make the tight turns at 13th and 17th safely.

We have asked the neighborhood association (SMILE) to provide a solution to this problem, but have had no success. They agree that there is a problem with the truck traffic, however there is no solution that would please everyone. The alternative that would upset the least number of people is what must be considered. Molded Container Corporation Page Two

We would suggest reopening Linn street to traffic, and not do anything with the rest of the streets in the neighborhood. This would affect the least number of residences and make for a much better situation. It would also save approximately \$135,000.00, which the (SMILE) Traffic Committee proposes spending. In my estimation, their proposal would exacerbate rather than solve the traffic problems of the area.

We would appreciate any help the council could provide us, and look forward to working on a solution to this serious safety hazard. As careful as our drivers are, we feel that directing semi-truck traffic by a grade school is asking for a tragedy. We want to avoid that.

Best regards,

John Normandin

Assistant to the President

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June 25, 1980

OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

CHARLES JORDAN COMMISSIONER

1220 S.W. FIFTH AVE. PORTLAND, OR. 97204 503 248-4682

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John Normandin Asst. to the President Molded Container Corp. P.O. Box 02096 Portland, OR 97202

Dear Mr. Normandin:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning a traffic problem in the Sellwood area.

You ovbiously are well aware of the traffic engineering problems related to the routing of trucks on certain streets as well as the safety issue involved.

My office has been contacted by residents in the Sellwood neighborhood who also have concerns about the truck route; some feel the route should be changed and others feel it should stay the way it currently is.

In order to initiate some action with this issue, I am asking the Bureau Chief of Traffic Engineering, Don Bergstrom, to give this problem his attention as soon as possible. Additionally, I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Catherine Sohm of the Sellwood-Moreland League for her information and response. I am asking Mr. Bergstrom to attend to your concern because the issue at hand is under the jurisdiction of Mayor McCready's Office.

I do hope this matter can be resolved in a equitable and satisfactory manner.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to my office.



CHARLES R. JORDAN Commissioner of Public Safety

CRJ:pdj

cc: Don Bergstrom /
Mayor McCready (Attn. Bev. Geiger)
S.M.I.L.E.



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P. O. Box 02096 . 8823 S. E. Thirteenth Avenue • PORTLAND, OREGON 97202

June 17, 1980

Phone: (503) 233-8601 CIFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF MUBILE SAFETY

Commissioner Charles Jordan 1220 S.W. 5th Portland, Oregon 97204

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Best regards,

Assistant to the President

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URB3-17

April 25, 1980

Ms. Clare Moseley 8835 S.E. 16th Pl. Portland, Okegon 97202

Dear Ms. Moseley:

At the Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League meeting of April 17, 1980, Mrs. Catherine Sohm presented this Bureau a petition with 150 signatures attached requesting "the City of Portland Traffic Engineering Department for a traffic light at the corner of S.E 17th Ave. and S.E. Linn St., thus enabling Tri-Met to return the Sellwood Bus Line #6 to its original route." It is our understanding that this petition was jointly sponsored by Clyde V. Brummell and yourself.

Mr. Tom Chambers and Mike Kyte, Tri-Met, indicated at this meeting that they would be willing to reroute the bus east on Umatilla, south on 17th and west on Linn St. to 13th. The bus would layover on the south side of Umatilla, immediately west of 16th. This appeared to satisfy the majority of those present and SMILE voted to accept the propsed change as presented.

This route will provide service over the same streets and does not require any traffic signal at 117th and Linn. Tri-Met will implement this plan as soon as the necessary signing is completed, normally one week.

Sincerely,

M. J. Martini Senior Traffic Engineer

MJM:mc

cc: Clyde V. Brummell
Tom Chambers, Tri-Met
Catherine Sohm, SMILE
Shirley Tanzer, Mayor's Office
Steve Dotterrer, Bureau of Planning

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FROM IDEAS TO MOVE IN, OR REMODEL TO NEW IDEAS

Home Builders Service Center

8435 S.E. 17TH AVENUE PORTLAND, OREGON 97202

> Telephone: 233-4841 March 22, 1980

Mrs. Catherine Sohm, President, Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League, S. E. 15th and Spokane. Portland, Oregon, 97202.

Dear Mrs. Sohm:

Recently, just 10 days ago we noted a change in the Tri-Met Bus service wherein Bus Line No. 6 was serendipitously re-routed.

Previously we had gone along with the experiment on S. E. Linn on a 90 day basis and if this is an example we withdraw any support we previously offered in order to be good neighbors.

This moving off of S. E. 17th has left all of lower Sellwood with no bus service in-bound. Further, we have two medical facilities on S. E. 17th that were specifically established because of the bus service previously given. One being the main State Industrial Accident testing center at 8532 S. E. 17th, many of which are disabled.

Your attention is dire cted to Federal Status of the National Transportation Act wherein transportation units, such as Tri-Met are specifically charged to notifiy those citizen effected in an area when bus service is to be revised. Further, Portland City Ordinances also direct that neighborhood input be sought and received before such changes are made.

It is requested that you advise Tri-Met that we business people on S. E. 17th are concerned and that we wish you to hold a public hearing on this matter with Tri-Met in attendance, as well as the Director of the City Traffic Dept.

Mrs. Mosely and I are circulating a petition to establish a light at S. E. Linn, which can be timed or key operated by Tri-Met drivers so they can get onto S. E. 17th. We also wish that the light at S. E. Wmatilla be traffic timed so that we on S. E. 17th can get in and out of our businesses. I have appealed to the Assessor's office for a lowered property valuation because of the traffic.

Please advise us of the agenda which we hope will include removing the wasteful fuel use of S. E. Linn

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cc/Tri-Met Traffic E ng.

BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

Quannell Clyde V. Brummell.

Return to ly 235-1477

March 18, 1980

We the undersigned would like to Petition the City of Portland Traffic enginering Department for a Traffic light at the corner of S.E. 17th Ave. and S.E. Linn St. Thus enabling Tri Met to

return the Sellwood Bus Line#6 To it's original route. 1889 S.W. MUTT ison st tumi Okuso 3655-5.15 .MAI/ #51 ROSEIKATA 829 S.E. 15th #45 Kymberly L. Botolins Connie Trebeach 1331 S.E Knapp St. Khieme Rallamasonk +313 S.E Nehalem margaret toof 1326 S.E. Lambert Unielia Chain. 2804 3.8. 48 th 5900 s.E. 42nd. 4933 Sw Lakeview, Lake Oswego Lelin Hayes 12195ER ford 100 SichardBilleton 251 S.W Cervantes Lake Cang Barbara Kessler 24901 SE Stury 224 Boxing 91009 Soly Renimina 470 5 5W 45 PONTAND 14300 58. Rine KJ. mil, Cho

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MEMO TO THE FILES

FROM:

Bill Stark

SUBJECT: SMILE Meeting, April 2, 1980

Catherine Sohm, President of SMILE phoned me April 3, 1980 to inform me of some of the items discussed at their April 2, 1980 monthly meeting.

Bill Stark

SMILE is attempting to set up a hearing with Tri-Met on April 17, 1980 to discuss the routing of the Sellwood Bus #6. The bus recently was rerouted east over Umatilla from 13th, south on 16th to Linn, then west on Linn to 13th and then north on 13th for return trip to the downtown mall.

The bus previously traveled south on 13, left onto Linn, east on Linn, left onto 17th, north to Umatilla, then west on Umatilla to 13th. Tri-Met removed the bus off 17th because of the difficult left turn onto 17th and the left turn off 17th at Umatilla.

Ms. Sohm indicated some resident is in the process of submitting a petition to have the bus return to its former routing with a traffic signal proposed at 17th/Linn.

Ms. Sohm indicated that she informed those residents who had not already returned their Linn St. one-way survey cards to not return them until after the April 17th meeting. She wants them to hear a discussion on the Linn trial before they return their cards. She said she would make sure everybody received a notice of this meeting.

Of the 200 cards mailed out, 96 (48%) have been returned. Of these, 46 favored retaining the one-way, 46 wanted it removed and four were undecided.

WES/as

Ded &

March 27, 1980

Mrs. Catherine Sohm, President Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League 7212 S.E. 17th Ave. Portland, Oregon 97202

Dear Mrs. Sohm,

Enclosed is a sample copy of a letter with return post card which is being mailed to all residents within the area bounded by 13th, Clatsop, 17th, and Ochoco. This is the area affected by the one-way on Linn Street as indicated by the "before" and "after" traffic counts. If a majority of the returned cards (over 50%) favor the existing plan, it will be retained. Any alternate or modified plan would have to be referred to the residents of the affected area b before implementing them.

The City Engineer's estimated cost of improving S.E. Ochoco Street between 13th and 17th Avenues is \$725,000 of which \$5000000 is for relocating the Portland Traction Co. tracks.

S.E. Ochoco Street and S.E. 13th Avenue are classified as Local Service Streets. The Transportation Planning Section of the Bureau of Planning indicates that before a street improvement can be considered on Ochoco Street, the classification probably should be changed on both Ochoco and 13th Avenue. The suggested procedure for initiating this reclassification is through the 1980 Neighborhood Needs Report which SMELE would submit later this year. Upon receipt of your Needs Report, the Bureau of Traffic Engineering, Public Works and Planning would make their recommendations to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission would then submit their findsing and recommendations to the City Council.

Sincerely,

Mario J. Martini

Senior Traffic Engineer

MJM/WES/as

cc: Patti Jabobsen ONA

March 24, 1980

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OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

D.E. BERGSTROM CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER

317 S.W. ALDER ST. PORTLAND, OR 97204 (503) 248-4295 Dear Sellwood Resident:

On November 14, 1979, the Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League requested that Linn Street be made one-way eastbound between 16th Place and 17th Avenue and one-way westbound between 13th Avenue and 14th Avenue. The intent of this request was to reduce through traffic on Linn Street.

This bureau agreed to implement this proposal for a 3 month trial period following which the residents of the affected areas would be polled regarding their reaction to the test.

Twenty-four hour traffic counts were taken on all east-west streets between Tacoma Street and Ochoco Street before the plan was implemented on December 17, 1979. Counts were taken again in January and March 1980 to determine what effect the one-way had on traffic.

The counts indicated approximately 2,000 vehicles per day reduction on Linn Street, 1,000 vehicles per day increase on Marion Street, and 250 vehicles per day increase on Clatsop Street. There was some minor increase of traffic on 15th and 16th Avenues between Marion and Linn.

Pursuant to the policy of this bureau, we are polling all residents of the area affected by the one-way test on Linn Street.

It is important that you return the enclosed card so that we may determine whether the existing test plan should be retained. If a majority (over 50%) of those polled favor the existing one-way system on Linn Street it will be retained.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Catherine Sohm, President of SMILE, 7212 S.E. 17th Avenue, 236-7212, or Bill Stark of this bureau at 248-4295.

Sincerely,

Mario J/ Martini

Senior Traffic Engineer

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CHECK ONE ONLY. I favor retaining one-way on Linn. I favor removing one-way on Linn. Comments: Name: Address:



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January 23, 1980

MEMO TO FILE

From:

Bill Stark

Subject: Side Street Traffic Study - S.M.I.L.E.

John Zimmerman (226-8240) Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League, contacted me 1/23/80 regarding a proposal of S.M.I.L.E. to hire Carl Buttke to make a "side street" traffic study in their area. They have a meeting the night of 1/23/80 to disucss this proposal.

Apparently S.M.I.L.E. is proposing to fund the study. Mr. Zimmerman called to inquire if the City would provide the consultant with accident and count data. I informed him that we would allow the consultant to come in and work from our accident and count files.

He also asked if we had funds to install traffic controls (Yield and/or Stop) at some 400 or so intersections. I indicated a cost of \$65 per sign installed; we didn't have that amount budgeted and couldn't do it in the current budget. He then wanted to know if we would do it if S.M.I.L.E. funded it. I replied that S.M.I.L.E would have to send an official request to the City before we would give them an answer.

WES:mc

July 10,11980

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor Connie McCready

Attention: Beverly Geiger

FROM:

M. J. Martini, Bureau of Traffic Engineering

SUBJECT: Sellwood Moreland Improvement League

This is in response to a letter dated July 3, 1980 from Mrs. Catherine Sohm to Mayor Connie McCready.

The Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League is in the process of obtaining signatures for the adoption of a trial neighborhood diverter plan. This plan was one of those that this Bureau submitted for their approval.

We have contacted Mr. Bernie Wolff, SMILE Transportation Chairman, who has indicated that they will submit this petition within another week. When this petition is received with a majority favoring the plan, this Bureau will validate and set up a 90 day list.

We also contacted Mrs. Catherine Sohm to inquire if she had any specific way that the Council or Mayor's Office could help in their endeavor. She stated the letter was merely to bring the Mayor's Office and Council up-to-date on the events and to relate SMILE's stand on Mr. Normandin's suggestion that S. E. Linn Street be reopened to their trucks. Mr. Normandin is the Vice President of Molded Container Corporation located at 8823 S. E. 13th Avenue.

"No Trucks" signs have been placed on Marion, Clatsop, Sherrett, and Harney at the request of residents. Molded Container Corporation is presently using Umatilla, which is the widest street with the fewest residents. Mayor's Office -2 - July 11, 1980

We are considering a suggestion to permit Molded Container trucks only on S. E. Linn Street and still maintain the present traffic control limiting traffic volume. We will discuss this matter with representatives of S. E. Line Street and the Neighborhood Association.

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S. M. I. L. E.

1436 S. E. SPOKANE STREET

PORTLAND, OREGON 97202

July 3. 1980

Mayor Connie McCready 1220 S. W. Fifth Avenue Fortland, Oregon 97202 -

Dear Mayor McCready:



Thank you for sending me a copy of John Normandin's letter outlining Molded Container's truck access problem and your response. This is a problem we have long been familiar with, and I very much regret that we have been unable to be more helpful to min; but the delays and frustrations we have encountered have made this impossible.

we appreciate the value of Molded Container Corporation to this community, and we very much wish it were possible to secure the ideal solution proposed by Bill Stark at our November 14th meeting --- that their trucks use Ochoco Street. The city ouns the right-of-way, but the street is not surfaced and is occupied by railroad tracks. The Traffic Engineer has estimated it would cost \$750,000 to make this street usable.

Cur involvement with this problem began in 1978 when the residents of Linn Street appealed to the neighborhood association for help in gaining relief from a serious traffic problem. We appointed a committee which included Mr. Normandin, although I think he only attended one meeting. The residents worked for almost a year with the neighborhood and the Traffic Engineer's office, and submitted their recommendations in September of 1979. These were adopted by SMILE and forwarded to the Traffic Engineer, as outlined in the enclosed correspondence.

The Traffic Engineer disapproved our proposal. This was reported to a special SMILE meeting on traffic in November. The membership voted to request that at least part of our plan be tried for three months, and the one-way signs went up on Linn on December 17, 1979. Counts were taken by the Traffic Engineer prior to that time, and again in March of 1980, and in March of 1980 ballots were mailed to the residents for a vote on retaining the one-way signs.

By this time a change in the Tri-Met bus route had been ordered because of the difficulty of turning onto 17th Street during rush hours, upsetting schedules. residents of Marion Street had been complaining, various petitions were being circulated, and it seemed advisable to have another special meeting on traffic. was held on April 17th with Bill Stark and Mario Martini present from the Traffic Engineer's office, along with representatives from Tri-Met, the City Planning Bureau's Transportation section, and the Mayor's office.

A proposed change in the bus route was approved unanimously. Further discussion on the Linn Street problem brought out SMILE's conviction that our plan could be effective if the second part of it were allowed. Bill Stark said this would require

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polling all residents within 200 feet of the restricted streets. This we agreed to do and asked the Traffic Engineer's representatives to write us specific instructions on the area to be surveyed and the form of petition needed.

After waiting three weeks for this instruction, we were informed by Mr. Bergstrom that he had submitted our proposal to the Police Bureau and had been informed that they did not care to enforce a limited restriction such as the "no left turn at rush hours only." He further stated that he was instructing his staff to prepare alternate proposals within a week.

During that week his staff posted "No Truck" signs on Marion, Clatsop and Sherrett Streets. This was not done at SMILE's request, and we sympathize with the problem it presented Molded Container. Some members of our committee have felt that truck traffic should stick to arterial streets, as suggested in Mr. Martini's letter of November 9th. We were not informed that Mr. Mormandin had been requested by the Traffic Engineer to avoid 13th, Tacoma and 17th Streets. He was indeed left with no alternative but Umatilla, passing the hospital and the school playground (part of which is fenced.)

Three alternative plans were offered by the Traffic Engineer. One called for "one way out" signs on Marion, Clatsop and Sherrett Streets and four-way stops at 15th and 16th on Umatilla. The second called for installation of three diverters on Marion, Clatsop and Sherrett at a cost of \$45,000 each, with the same 4-way stops and 2-way stops added at 15th and 16th and Tenino. The third called for a maze of stop signs throughout the area. The committee felt the diverter alternate would be the most effective and easiest for the local residents to live with, and we are now in process of polling the entire area to see whether residents want to try it for three months.

Mr. Normandin's suggestion that Linn Street be reopened to through traffic would be more convenient for him, but would also allow the 2800 vehicles per day to pour down that narrow street and bring us right back to the position when Linn Street residents first came to SMILE for help. The expenditure for diverters which he deplores was not sought by SMILE, but was proposed by the Traffic Engineer. All we ever asked for was a few signs and a traffic signal, none of which were approved.

SMILE also would appreciate any help the Council can give to solve this problem without asking Linn Street residents to assume the whole burden of commuter traffic determined to reach the Sellwood Bridge while avoiding the traffic light at 17th and Tacoma.

Sincerely,

Catherine Sohm, President

cc: Commissioner Jordan
Don Bergstrom
John Normandin

September 27, 1979

Mr. Don Bergstrom, Traffic Engineer City of Portland 420 S. W. Main Street Portland, Oregon 97204

Attention: Bill Stark

Dear Sir:

The Transportation Committee of SMILE, chaired by Bernard Wolff, has been meeting with the residents of S. E. Linn Street for some time in response to their request for help in solving a difficult traffic problem caused by commuter traffic using a narrow residential street as a short cut during rush hours. Mr. Stark has participated in some of their discussions. They have agreed on the following proposal, which the membership of SMILE approved at their September meeting:

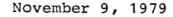
- 1. One way east on S.E. Linn between 16th Place and 17th Street
- 2. One way west on S.E. Linn between 14th and 13th Avenues.
- 3. Part time restrictions on left turns to be posted in view of the traffic pproceeding north on S.E. 17th Avenue between Linn and Tacoma Streets during the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
- 4. Fart time restrictions on loft turns to be posted in view of the traffic proceeding south on S.C. 13th Avenue between Tacoma and Linn Streets during the hours between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- 5. That the one way designations and part time restrictions be made on a trial basis, and that the trial period be long enough to collect accurate data on its effects.

We request that your office seriously consider the proposal of the residents and our committee, and we hope you will see fit to implement it for the trial period requested.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Sohm President

cc: Bernard Wolff





DEPT. OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

MAYOR Connie McCready

BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

D.E. BERGSTROM CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER

420 S.W. MAIN ST, PORTLAND, OR. 97204 503/248-4295 Ms. Catherine Sohm, President Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League 7212 S.E. 17th Avenue Portland, Oregon 97202

Dear Ms. Sohm:

This bureau has reviewed the proposal of S.M.I.L.E. to install the following traffic controls on a trial basis:

- 1. Make Linn Street one-way westbound between 13th Ave. and 14th Ave. and one-way eastbound between 16th Place and 17th Avenue.
- Install "NO LEFT TURN 7 A.M. to 9 A.M." for northbound traffic on S.E. 17th Ave. at all intersections from Linn to Tenino (7 intersections).
- 3. Install "NO LEFT TURN 4 P.M. to 6 P.M." for southbound traffic on S.E. 13th Ave. at all intersections from Tenino to Linn (7 intersections).

Before implementing any neighborhood request, it must first be determined that the traffic problem will not be moved to another local residential street. It is easy to improve the situation on any one street, but that traffic will have to go somewhere else. If that traffic is moved onto an arterial street then we don't consider that a problem.

We believe the proposals for alleviating the traffic on Linn Street would only transfer the traffic onto adjacent local residential streets. The proposed one-way sections on Linn we feel would transfer most of that traffic to Marion Street. Ms. Catherine Sohm Nov. 9, 1979 Page 2

The part time restriction on left turns would require strict enforcement in order to be effective. Experience with the Barbur Blvd. bus lanes where all left turns are prohibited during the A.M. and P.M. peak traffic hours indicates that motorists are ignoring the signs. The Police Bureau just doesn't have the man power to enforce the signs. This would also apply to 13th and 17th.

The left turn prohibitions would not keep traffic off the cross streets, particularly on S.E. 13th where we feel some traffic would travel south on 9th or 11th, then proceed east on Marion or Linn to 17th. Some traffic undoubtedly would travel through Garthwick.

It is our considered opinion that SMILE'S proposed method for eliminating traffic on S.E. Linn Street would only transfer the problem to other local streets. This bureau therefore recommends against a trial of the one-way designations and part time left turn restrictions.

This bureau appreciatees the time S.M.I.L.E. has devoted to this study. We welcome your proposals and are open to any new suggestions.

Sincerely,

M.J. Martini

Senior Traffic Engineer

CC: Bernard Wolff

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Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League

S. M. I. L. E.

1436 S. E. SPOKANE STREET

PORTLAND, OREGON 97202

November 5, 1979

Dear Member:

Four traffic problems have been brought to our attention by residents and by the Bureau of Traffic Engineering. In order to allow all interested parties to be heard, and to determine a recommendation to make to the Traffic Engineer in each situation, a special meeting will be held on

Wednesday, November 14th Sellwood Community Center 7:30 p.m.

The problems to be addressed are:

- S.E. Linn Street between 13th and 17th, and adjacent streets. The Traffic Engineer has questioned the plan submitted by our Transportation Committee.
- Residents of S. E. 15th, Carlton and Tolman have petitioned for "No Truck" signs to be installed on Henry, Tolman and Carlton Streets.
- 3. Residents of S.E. 14th have petitioned to have S.E. 14th Avenue from Bybee to Rural (one block) designated one way going south.
- 4. Lionel Church, Chairman of the Board of Quayside Condominium, has requested that "No Parking" signs be placed on the east side of S.E. 9th Avenue from Tacoma to S.E. Webster, and that 9th Avenue be designated a through street with stop signs on all cross streets.

Notice of the meeting will be published in the usual way, and we are attempting to notify residents of the immediate areas by mail. Everyone who lives, works, owns property or maintains a business in the Sellwood-Moreland area is a member of SMILE and is entitled to vote.

Representatives of the Traffic Engineer will be present, and you are encouraged to discuss your concerns and to hear the City's point of view.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Sohm, President

Mr. M. J. Martini Semior Traffic Engineer Bureau of Traffic Engineering 420 S. W. Main Street Portland. Oregon 97204

Dear Mr. Martini:

Your letter of November 9th recommending against trial of our proposals on Linn Street was read to a special meeting called on November 14th to consider this and other traffic problems. The membership, and particularly the committee which devoted a great many hours to developing the suggestions, found your response extremely frostrating.

Bill Stark of your department was present and suggested the development of Ochoco Street between 13th and 17th Avenues as a possible solution. This would involve moving the railroad tracks, and would provide a two-lane street with no parking permitted and a signal at 17th and Ochoco. We would be happy to see this take place, but recognize that its benefits could not be realized for months at best, and probably years. Another suggestion was to make Linn and Marion a one-way grid. This was not discussed at length, but was not ruled out.

The membership voted to request your department to reconsider making Linn Street one-way westbound between 13th Avenue and 14th Avenue and one-way eastbound between 16th Place and 17th Avenue on a three-month test basis.

A particular concern expressed was a need for a traffic signal on 17th between Tacoma and Ochoco (preferably to make the existing pedestrian signal at Umatilla a full signal) to provide a break in the traffic flow to enable cars to enter from east and west, or at the very least to prohibit tighttowns on red from Tacoma so the signal there would provide some control. Please advise whether further steps are necessary to formalize this request.

The petitions for "No Trucks" signs on Henry, Tolman and Carlton Streets were discussed and some misunderstandings clarified as to what exceptions might be permissable. The membership then voted to approve this request.

The petition to make S.E. 14th Avenue one way going south between Bybee and Rural was approved. Opposition to this request appeared to come from one individual only, and her neighbors did not appear to agree that it would cause her undum hardship

The request of Mrs. Helen Schauermann and Lionel Church to designate "No Parking" on the east side of 9th Avenue from S.E. Tacoma to S.E. Webber, and to instal stop signs on all cross streets, was soundly defeated. There are many 25 ft. lots along that street with no room for off-street parking, and great concern was expressed for the safety of children if the street was made a through street. A letter was read from Peter J. McNeill suggesting that the residents of the Quayside Condominium use Linn Street to 13th Avenue, which provides signalized access to Tacoma, and there was substantial agreement expressed with this suggestion. I have asked Bernard Wolff, chairman of our Transportation Committee, to remain in touch with the residents of 9th Avenue and keep SMILE informed of future developments there.

Sincerely yours.

Catherine Schm President

cc: Bill Stark
Bernard Wolff



December 14, 1979

DEPT, OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Catherine Sohm. President Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League 7212 S. E. 17th Avenue Connie McCready Portland, Uregon 97202

MAYOR BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING D.E. BERGSTROM CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER

Dear Ms. Sohm:

420 S.W. MAIN ST. PORTLAND, OR. 97204 503/248-4295

In response to the S.M.I.L.E. meeting attended by Bill Stark, November 14, 1979 and your follow-up letter dated November 23, 1979, we offer the following comments:

Linn Street:

We still are of the opinion that the implementation of the oneway on Linn will only transfer the traffic to Marion. However, based upon the assurance from S.M.I.L.E. that there is unanimous support for this 3 month trial, we are proceeding with the implementation of making Linn Street one-way westbound between 13th Avenue and 14th Avenue and one-way eastbound between 16th Pl. and 17th Avenue.

This is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 17, 1979. The Sellwood bus (#6) will be rerouted over Marion Street and 15th Avenue, which necessitates the removal of 50' of parking on the south side of Marion, immediatley east of 13th.

We are requesting the City Engineer to develop a cost estimate for the development of Ochoco Street between 13th and 17th as an alternate solution to the neighborhood traffic problem on Linn.

17th/Umatilla Traffic Signal:

The existing pedestrian signal at this intersection provides for school children and other pedestrians to cross 17th Avenue. In order to justify a full signal, minimum traffic volumes and/or accident warrants must be met.

The minimum volume warrant is 750 vehicles per hour for 8 hours on 17th and 75 vehicles per hour for the same 8 hours on Umatilia. While 17th met this warrant for 12 hours of the day, Umatialla did not meed the warrant for any hour of the say, with only 45 vehicles entering in the highest hour.

The accident warrant is met if there are 5 accidents in a 12 month period of types susceptible of correction by a traffic signal. There were 4 accidents reported in the period between January 1, 1976 and June 30, 1979 (3-1/2 years) none of which were susceptible of correction by a full signal.

The City has a long list of unsignalized intersections that meet the minimum warrants for signalization. It is from this list each year that signals are proposed for inclusion in the budget. Based on current traffic conditions, this bureau would have to recommend against full signalization at 17th/Umatilla.

17th/Tacoma - No Turn on Red:

The major cause for the traffic on Linn Street is the congestion at this intersection. There is a heavy left turn northbound from 17th onto Tacoma and an even heavier right turn eastbound from Tacoma onto 17th. There is a separate left turn phase for northbound 17th traffic, which provides 18 seconds of green. During this same time, eastbound Tacoma traffic can make a right turn on red after stopping, without any legal conflict with pedestrians or other vehicles.

The existing left turn signal was installed July 15, 1976 at the request of S.M.I.L.E. Anything we do that increases congestion and reduces capacity at this intersection will force more traffic onto the neighborhood streets.

In view of the heavy right turn from Tacoma to 17th, we feel the proposed "No Turn on Red" would not be in the best interest of either the motoring public or the neighborhood. We, therefore, recommend that "No Turn on Red" signs not be installed.

"No Truck" Signs:

The "No Trucks" symbol signs have been installed on Henry, Tolman, Carlton and 15th. We have indicated to Mr. Dunlap, Rush Ashbrook, that we will monitor his situation on Tolman to determine whether it is working out.

S. E. 14th Avenue, One-Way Southbound between Bybee and Rural:

After reviewing traffic conditions, it appears the majority of the users of this block are residents familiar with the intersection of Bybee and 14th. Because of this familiarity, they have a choice of entering either end of the block and are not forced to enter Bybee from 14th.

A review of the accidents reported between January 1, 1973 and June 30, 1979 (6-1/2 years) indicated no accidents involving vehicles entering Bybee from the south side at 14th Avenue. A 24 hour traffic count taken December 13, 1979 indicated 115 vehicles on 14th between Bybee and Rura!.

We investigated the opposition to the one-way presented by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schwartz, 1325 S. E. Rural. Their driveway is located on the west side of 14th, north of Rural. They are concerned with having to enter 14th from Bybee, particularly the right turn when coming off the curve from 13th.

With the present traffic control, the residents have a choice of how they enter this block. The accident history does not reveal an accident problem. Traffic in this block is extremely light. We, therefore, don't propose to make this block one-way until there is evidence there is a real traffic problem and/or we receive a request signed by 100% of the residents within this block.

S. E. 9th Avenue:

In view of the strong opposition presented by the residents of 9th Avenue, this Bureau notified Mrs. Helen Schavermann by letter that we do not propose to prohibit parking or make 9th a through street between Tacoma and Webber Street. We will review traffic conditions in this area after the Portarbour. project is fully developed.

Sincerely,

M. J. Martini

Sr. Traffic Engineer

WES:jjp

cc: Mayor McCready's Office



CONNIE McCREADY MAYOR

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

DE BERGSTROM CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER

317 S.W. ALDER ST PORTLAND, OR 97204 (503) 248-4295 March 27, 1980

Mrs. Catherine Sohm, President Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League 7212 S.E. 17th Ave. Portland, Oregon 97202

Dear Mrs. Sohm,

Enclosed is a sample copy of a letter with return post card which is being mailed to all residents within the area bounded by 13th, Clatsop, 17th, and Ochoco. This is the area affected by the one-way on Linn Street as indicated by the "before" and "after" traffic counts. If a majority of the returned cards (over 50%) favor the existing plan, it will be retained. Any alternate or modified plan would have to be referred to the residents of the affected area before implementing them.

The City Engineer's estimated cost of improving S.E. Ochoco Street between 13th and 17th Avenues is \$725,000 of which \$500,000 is for relocating the Portland Traction Co. tracks.

S.E. Ochoco Street and S.E. 13th Avenue are classified as Local Service Streets. The Transportation Planning Section of the Bureau of Planning indicates that before a street improvement can be considered on Ochoco Street, the classification probably should be changed on both Ochoco and 13th Avenue. The suggested procedure for initiating this reclassification is through the 1980 Neighborhood Needs Report which SMILE would submit later this year. Upon receipt of your Needs Report, the Bureau of Traffic Engineering, Public Works and Planning would make their recommendations to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission would then submit their findings and recommendation to the City Council.

Sincerely,

Mario J. Martini

Senior Traffic Engineer

MJM/WES/as

cc: Patti Jacobsen ONA

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March 24, 1980

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BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

DE BERGSTROM CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER

317 S W ALDER ST PORTLAND OR 97204 (503) 248-4295 Dear Sellwood Resident:

On November 14, 1979, the Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League requested that Linn Street be made one-way eastbound between 16th Place and 17th Avenue and one-way westbound between 13th Avenue and 14th Avenue. The intent of this request was to reduce through traffic on Linn Street.

This bureau agreed to implement this proposal for a 3 month trial period following which the residents of the affected areas would be polled regarding their reaction to the test.

Twenty-four hour traffic counts were taken on all east-west streets between Tacoma Street and Ochoco Street before the plan was implemented on December 17, 1979. Counts were taken again in January and March 1980 to determine what effect the one-way had on traffic.

The counts indicated approximately 2,000 vehicles per day reduction on Linn Street, 1,050 vehicles per day increase on Marion Street, and 250 vehicles per day increase on Clatsop Street. There was some minor increase of traffic on 15th and 16th Avenues between Marion and Linn.

Pursuant to the policy of this bureau, we are polling all residents of the area affected by the one-way test on Linn Street.

It is important that you return the enclosed card so that we may determine whether the existing test plan should be retained. If a majority (over 50%) of those polled favor the existing one-way system on Linn Street it will be retained.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Catherine Sohm, President of SMILE, 7212 S.E. 17th Avenue, 236-7212, or Bill Stark of this bureau at 248-4295.

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Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League

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PORTLAND, OREGON 97202

ANNOUNCES A SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY - April 17,1980 7:30 P.M.

AT MORELAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL - 18th & BYBEE

To Discuss

- 1) The change in the Sellwood Bus route -
- 2) Results of the 3month experimental program
- 3) NEED for a stop light at 17th and LINN. /

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will be present. We will look at possible options and welcome suggestions for solutions or improvements to our traffic problems.

Come and bring your neighbors.

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Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League

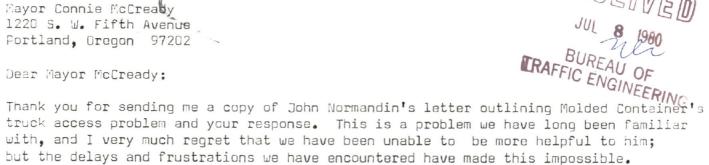
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1436 S. E. SPOKANE STREET

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July 3, 1980

Mayor Connie McCready



We appreciate the value of Molded Container Corporation to this community, and we very much wish it were possible to secure the ideal solution proposed by Bill Stark at our November 14th meeting - that their trucks use Ochoco Street. The city owns the right-of-way, but the street is not surfaced and is occupied by railroad tracks. The Traffic Engineer has estimated it would cost \$750,000 to make this street usable.

Cur involvement with this problem began in 1978 when the residents of Linn Street appealed to the neighborhood association for help in gaining relief from a serious traffic problem. We appointed a committee which included Mr. Normandin, although I think he only attended one meeting. The residents worked for almost a year with the neighborhood and the Traffic Engineer's office, and submitted their recommendations in September of 1979. These were adopted by SMILE and forwarded to the Traffic Engineer, as outlined in the enclosed correspondence.

The Traffic Engineer disapproved our proposal. This was reported to a special SMILE meeting on traffic in November. The membership voted to request that at least part of our plan be tried for three months, and the one-way signs went up on Linn on December 17, 1979. Counts were taken by the Traffic Engineer prior to that time, and again in March of 1980, and in March of 1980 ballots were mailed to the residents for a vote on retaining the one-way signs.

By this time a change in the Tri-Met bus route had been ordered because of the difficulty of turning onto 17th Street during rush hours, upsetting schedules. residents of Marion Street had been complaining, various petitions were being circulated, and it seemed advisable to have another special meeting on traffic. This was held on April 17th with Bill Stark and Mario Martini present from the Traffic Engineer's office, along with representatives from Tri-Met, the City Planning Bureau's Transportation section, and the Mayor's office.

A proposed change in the bus route was approved unanimously. Further discussion on the Linn Street problem brought out SMILE's conviction that our plan could be effective if the second part of it were allowed. Bill Stark said this would require

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October 20, 1978

TO: Mayor's Office

ATTN: Elaine Howard

FROM: N. J. Martini, Bureau of Traffic Engineering

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June 2, 1980

MEMORANDUM

TO:

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FROM:

Bill Stark

SUBJECT: SMILE Transportation Committee Meeting

On Wednesday, May 28, 1980, 7:30 p.m. I met with the Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League Transportation Committee at the residence of Ms. Gene Johnson, 1581 S. E. Linn Street. Those in attendance were:

Ms. Catherine Sohm, President of SMILE 7212 S. W. 17th Avenue

Bernard R. Wolff, Chairman of Transportation Committee 7524 S. E. 19th Avenue

Jon Ziady, 1604 S. E. Linn Street

Ms. Gene Johnson, 1581 S. E. Linn

Tom Devanney, 8735 S. E. 15th Avenue

The first item discussed was the alternatives to the present one-way system on Linn between 13th and 17th (see attached sketches). Although alternate #1 would be the most effective in keeping through traffic out of the neighborhood, they felt it would be the hardest to sell. Alternate #2 was the plan this group favored. They felt Alternate #3 (Stop signs) would be the least effective of the three presented.

Ms. Johnson asked about using mandatory turn signs in place of diverters on Alternate #2 in order to reduce the cost. I indicated our experience has been that there is considerable violation of signs alone and we want a design which basically is self-enforcing. They also asked about using signs only on Alternate #1, same as we now have on Linn. I indicated this is something we could discuss later.

Ms. Sohm brought up a concern that John Normandin, Molded Container Corp., 8823 S. E. 13th, had brought to her attention. Since the City installed "No Trucks" symbol signs on Linn, Marion, Clatsop and Sherrett (5-15-80), his trucks were using Umatilla between 13th and 17th, as opposed to using Tacoma.

His drivers do not like this route since it took them by Sellwood School and Woodland Park Mental Health Center (1400 S. E. Umatilla). They used Linn in the past until one-way was installed in December 1979 following which they moved on to Marion.

Ms. Sohm said SMILE did not approve these signs and asked why I had them installed. I indicated I had numerous complaints from Marion Street residents and since we haven't removed the one-way on Linn, which was oficially turned down on the ballot, I ordered them in at least until we get some plan resolved for the through traffic problem.

Ms. Johnson, who seems quite paranoid about trucks and traffic in general, was quite adamant about keeping trucks out of all neighborhoods, even if it meant that Molded Container had to move.

No solution was agreed upon by this group. Attached is an October 20, 1978 memo to the Mayor's Office regarding this matter.

A sample copy of a petition form for requesting a traffic control plan, along with a map of the area to be canvassed, was given to Ms. Sohm (see attached). I agreed that Andover Pl. between Exeter Dr. and St. Andrews Dr. in Garthwick Add. would not be included in the area to be petitioned, since it is not apt to be affected by any of the proposed plans.

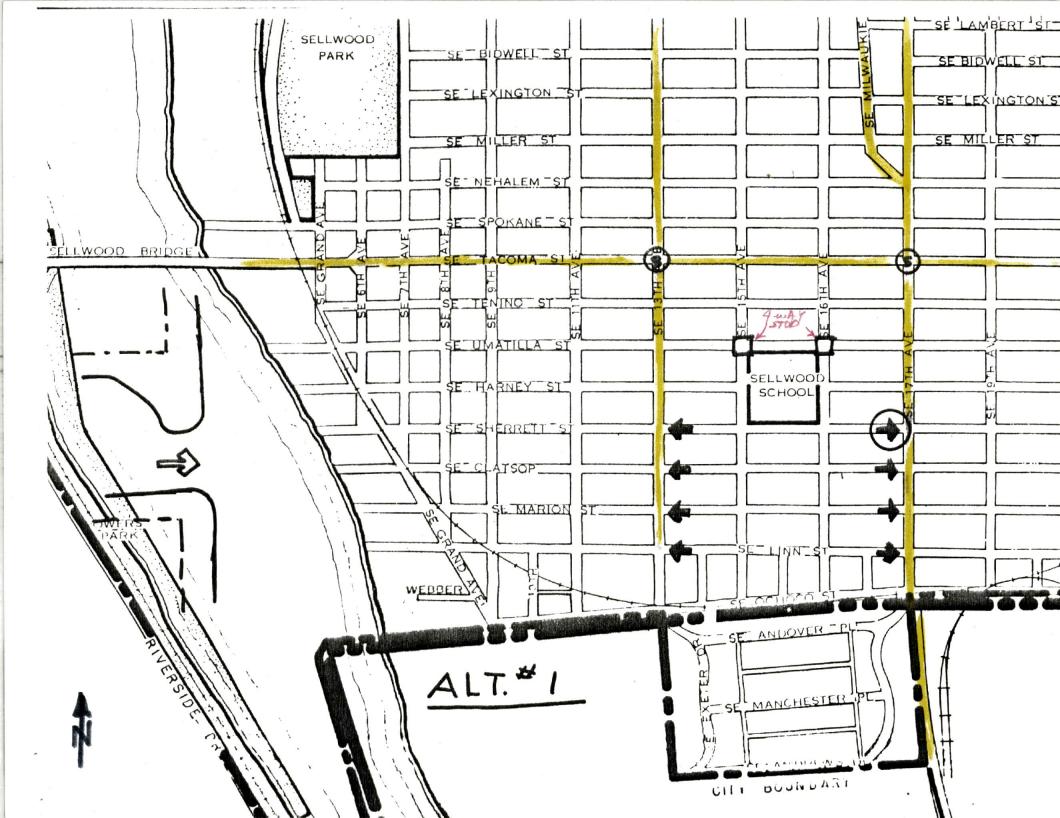
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Three proposed plans for controlling the traffic generated by the Portarbour Project (former Anchorage) were discussed (see attached sketches). Since there was no one from that area at the meeting, they felt they needed another meeting with members from both areas to review and make recommendations, east and west of 13th Avenue.

I agreed and strongly suggested they get people on the Committee who represent a cross section of the affected area with members from both business and residential.

In conclusion, I told them that they had to get moving on the Linn Street problem, since the existing one-way plan has been rejected and we can't leave it in much longer.

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October 20, 1978

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17th route because of the extreme tight right angle turns at both 13th/Tacoma and 17th/Tacoma. This bureau must agree that these turns are hazardous because of insufficient right of way to provide adequate turning radius for trucks.

Routing Molded Container Corporation trucks over 13th/Tacoma-17th would add 3,600 feet (0.7 mile) of travel to each trip between their plant and warehouse. This would add seven miles of travel assuming 10 trips per day. However this Bureau would recommend the longer route if there was adequate turning room at 13th/Tacoma and 17th/Tacoma intersections.

It is the recommendation of this Bureau that Molded Container Corporation be authorized to operate their trucks on Linn St. between 13th Ave. and 17th Ave. subject to the following conditions:

- Hours of operation shall be limited to 8 a.m.—5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- 2. Maximum speed of 20 MPH.

The existing "NO TRUCKS" symbol signs would remain on this section of Linn St. and all other through truck traffic would be prohibited. At such time as the intersections on Tacoma St. are widened to provide adequate turning radius for truck-trailers, this Bureau would then recommend that all through truck traffic be prohibited on this section of Linn St.

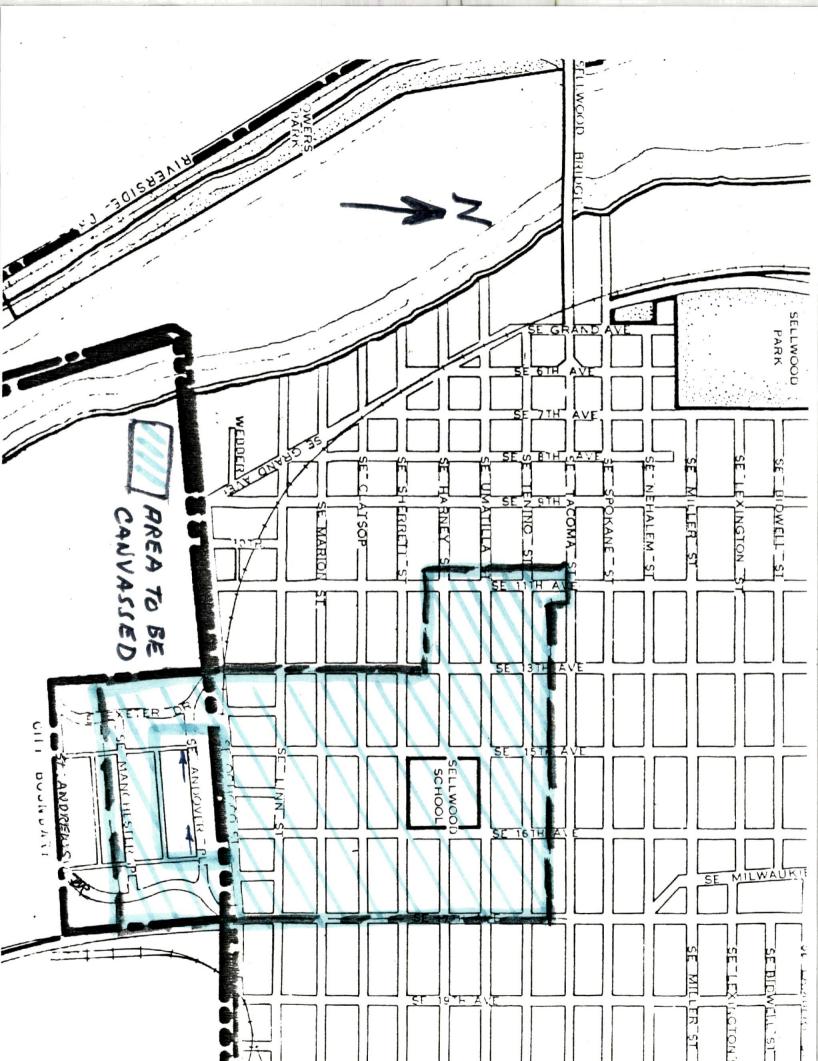
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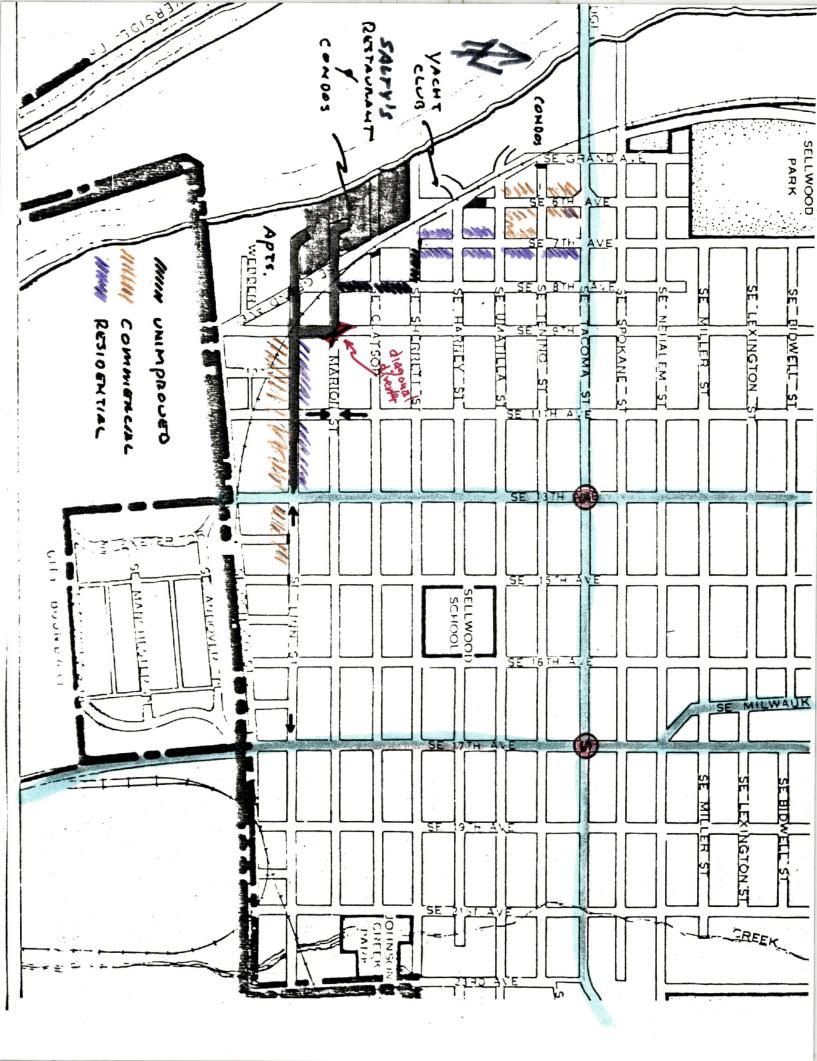
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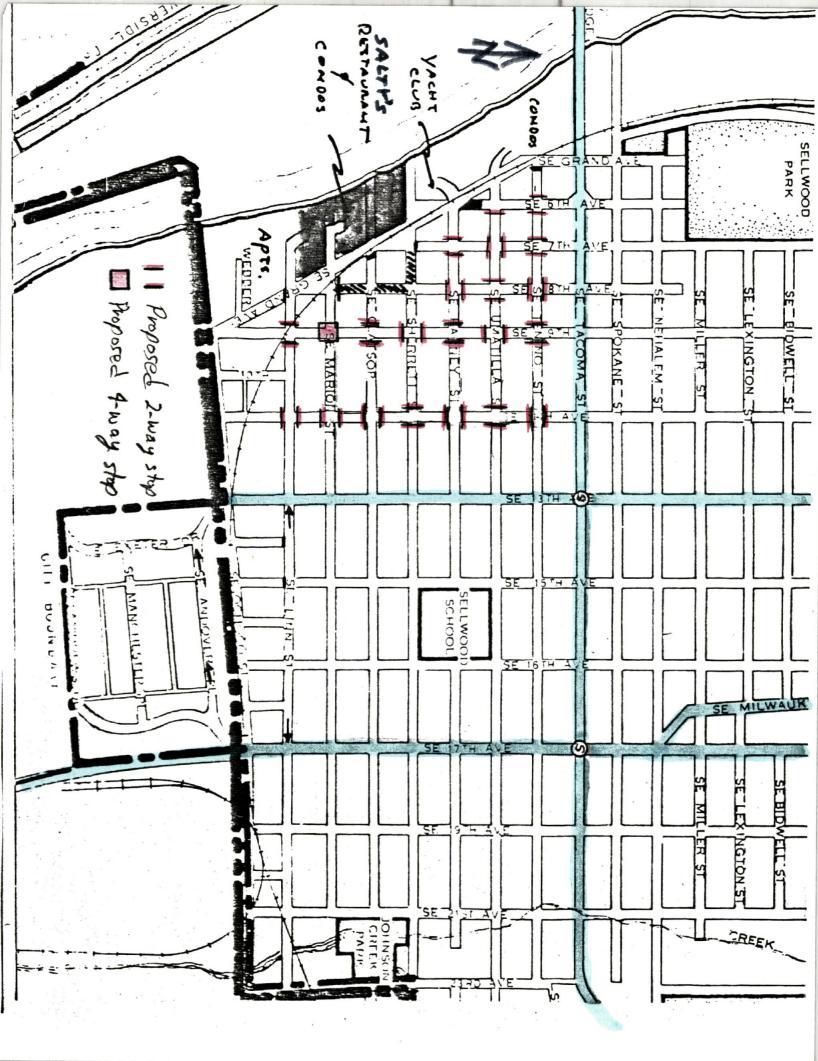
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We, the undersigned, property owne	ers and/or residents of	
	neighborhood area as shown, herel	ЬУ
request that the City of Portland	consider the request to install	a
traffic control plan, as shown on	the attached map. It is our	
understanding that the City shall	follow the prescribed procedure	3
in considering all requests for th	ne installation of traffic diver	ters.
We also understand that a public h	nearing before the City Council:	aill
be held and as a result of this ne	earing, the City Council will	
determine by vote whether the cont	rol plan should be retained on a	a
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July 7, 1980

Sellwood Mo**e**eland Improvement League Catherine Sohm 7212 S. E. 17th Portland, ORegon 97202

Re: S. E. 17th and Bybee

Enclosed is a letter and a sketch sent to the residents affected at the above intersection. As indicated, we propose to install left turn lanes and phasing at this location later this year.

We would appreciate your comments, and if you have any questions, please call Mike Bauer, Bureau of Traffic Engineering, 248-4295.

M. J. Martini Sr. Traffic Engineer

MWB:jjp

Encl.