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STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

FILE NUMBER: R/W #7200

COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD 6 PM, OCTOBER 26, 2010

1900 SW 4TH BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR, ROOM 2500 A

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Street Vacation Request: SE 94th north of SE Henry

Petitioner: Street vacation initiated by the City of Portland, Bureau of Transportation. The petitioner's representative is Linda Williams, 1120 SW 5th Ave., Rm 800, Portland, OR 97204. 503-823-7154

Purpose: Purpose of vacation is to consolidate property.

Neighborhood: Lents Neighborhood Association
Jess Laventall, Traffic and Parking Committee Chair
10449 SE Ellis St.
Portland, OR 97266

East Portland Neighborhood Office
Richard Bixby, Director
1017 NE 117th Ave.
Portland, OR 97220

Quarter Section: 3640

II. FACTS

A. History and Background

Homes on private property adjacent to the right of way proposed for vacation were acquired by Trimet as part of the construction of the new Green Line light rail extension to Clackamas Town Center. With no residences to access and use of the ROW for transit purposes the City has no further need for this ROW.

B. Concurrent land use actions

There are no concurrent land use actions.

C. The Transportation Element

The Transportation Element is silent on cases involving local streets or alleys.

III. FINDINGS

A. Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies Consideration

The relevant policies of the Transportation Element are:

Policy 6.20 Connectivity states:

Support development of an interconnected, multimodal transportation system to serve mixed-use areas, residential neighborhoods, and other activity centers.

Policy 6.21 Right-of-Way Opportunities states:

Preserve existing rights-of-way unless there is no existing or future need for them, established street patterns will not be significantly interrupted, and the functional purposes of nearby streets will be maintained.

Policy 12.4 Provide for Pedestrians, Objective G. states:

Retain rights for pedestrian access and circulation when considering requests for street vacations. Preserve existing pedestrian routes and protect routes needed by pedestrians in the future. Ensure that street vacations do not reduce access to light and air or the intimate scale that is so much a part of Portland's character.

Findings for Policies 6.20, 6.21 and 12.4

This vacation is in conformance with above referenced Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies.

B. Neighborhood Plan considerations

There are no neighborhood issues with this vacation

C. Zoning Code considerations

There are no zoning issues.

D. Subdivision code considerations

There are no sub-division issues.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the above analysis, Portland Office of Transportation states that the right-of-way is not needed to provide future facilities. Additionally, approval of the street vacation will not affect the functional performance of the street system in the area.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the street vacation be approved as submitted.

The Portland Office of Transportation staff may revise this recommendation upon receipt of new information at any time prior to the Planning Commission's recommendation.

VI. EXHIBITS

A. Area Proposed for Vacation

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cc: Lance Lindahl, Right-of-Way Case Manager
Jess Laventall, Traffic and Parking Committee Chair, Lents NA
Richard Bixby, Director, East Portland Neighborhood Office
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Exhibit A:

Map of area surrounding the proposed vacation prior to construction of the Green Line light rail extension (2006)



Same area (SE 94th) after construction of the Green Line light rail extension

