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Portland Comprehensive Plan:

-In Woodlawn, neighbors have repeatedly expressed concern about the potential for explosive accidents involving transport of fossil fuels by train. Neighbors report seeing coal and oil trains passing nearby, despite media claims to the contrary (i.e. "no" to coal and "not now" to oil). Many businesses and residences are within possible blast zones, in the event of an accident. Woodlawn School, which is currently the benefactor of a federal School Improvement Grant, is located within about 1000 feet of train tracks. Train noise in the middle of the night disrupts sleep of neighbors, and we experience elevating levels of daytime noise with the airport nearby, sometimes to a painful extent. Is there language in the Comprehensive Plan addressing Environmental Justice that can be applied to the train component in this case? Can this establish precedent?

-When considering the short-term benefits of temporary construction jobs, do decision makers consider the historical lessons of the social and economic impacts of Vanport?