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To: BPS SE Quadrant

Subject: Southeast Quadrant Plan

Hello, I am an employee of a company that is located within the Southeast Quadrant Plan area.

A lot of people who work and own businesses in this area are very concerned about traffic. We have expressed concerns over the past seven years and have been met with disinterest every time. However, we work here and see the problem every day, all day long. It is our lives, and the lives of our customers that are at stake here. Therefore, we care very much.

I want to make sure, as the planning moves forward to include traffic control, that there will be sufficient thought put toward making changes to a **very dangerous intersection: SE Woodward and SE 8th Ave**. The traffic on SE McLoughlin that turns onto SE Woodward heading east toward SE 8th has turned this area into an unmanageable "corridor" that affects other flows of traffic all the way up SE 8th to the train tracks at SE Division. The traffic is bad already since the majority of travelers going east on SE Woodward turn right onto SE 8th, and immediately turn right on SE Powell to go across the Ross Island Bridge. It gets worse when a train goes by because the stopped traffic on Division and SE 8th gets backed up on the entire stretch of SE 8th Ave. Many of our customers complain that they cannot get to our building because the traffic is backed up. The travelers on SE Woodward do not have a stop sign or any traffic control at all. Since the traffic on Woodward is backed up, and the traffic on Powell is backed up, the traffic flow is comprised so that no other cars can pass through that intersection. After watching and witnessing a number of near fatal collisions, we are all very concerned about the safety of car occupants, as well as bicyclists, pedestrians, and animals (there is also a pet hospital at this intersection).

There is a need for a traffic signal or at least a 4-way stop sign for this intersection. I have been told before, by an employee of the City of Portland, that there is not enough traffic data to warrant a change at this intersection. When asked what they meant by "traffic data," they explained that there are not enough reported deaths to bring this matter to the top of anyone's list of concerns. This is unacceptable. There was the same problem in St. John's, and that intersection was fixed without anyone having to give up their life first.

Please ask the committee to look into this matter. With the new Milwaukie Rail Line going active, this situation is only going to get worse. Please help get this intersection fixed BEFORE anyone has to die.

Thanks,
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