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Subject: Objection to 2035 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

We are the property management company for properties located at 2330 NW Flanders; 467 and 475 NW 23rd; 2310 NW Glisan; 333 NW 23rd; 1403 and 1409 Weidler; 1615 NE 15th; 1444, 1445 and 1448 NE Weidler; 1439 NE Halsey; 1504, 1510, 1512, and 1520 NE Broadway; 1620 NE Grand Ave.; 510 NE Broadway; 2303 W. Burnside; 2307, 2315, 2320, 2323, 2329 NW Westover; and 3445 N Williams Ave., Portland, Oregon. On behalf of the owners of these properties, we object to the 2035 Comprehensive Plan Draft City Council Amendments dated March 18, 2016, Policy #P32, which proposes a new policy be added after Section 4.23 (Design and Development of Centers and Corridors) of the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed Amendment would prohibit drive through facilities in the Central City, and limit them in centers and corridors in order to “support a pedestrian-oriented environment and reduce conflicts between automobiles and pedestrians and bicyclists.”

The proposed Amendment will have a substantial financial impact on the properties affected, as well as the potential tax revenues generated therefrom. It would limit potential commercial uses. Drive through facilities are necessary for persons with children, people with disabilities, and elderly who rely on automobiles for convenience and safety. Conflicts between automobiles, pedestrians and bicycles can be accomplished through adequate cross-walks, sidewalks, lighting, and designated bicycle lanes.

Sincerely,

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