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Re: Multnomah Blvd. Fanno Pressure Sewer Project

Dear Sirs:

Construction on the Fanno Pressure Sewer Project began in June of 2010 and took place between SW 31st and 69th on Multnomah Blvd. First the city installed two 30-inch metal pipes to replace an existing 30-inch diameter PVC plastic pipe. Now crews are relocating a parallel water line farther away from the new pressurized pipes. The final work in this phase, scheduled to take place this March, is asphalt patching in those areas where trenches were excavated or where the street was damaged by construction. Another phase of sewer improvements between SW 31st and SW 20th is scheduled for 2011.

We wrote to you in June 2009 requesting actions to minimize the negative impacts in our neighborhoods and create a safer and healthier community. We now find that the construction is taking much longer than we were originally told and the condition of the current roadway and traffic is much worse than we anticipated. Many residents have complained about the dangerous conditions, especially between SW 45th and SW 31st.

We reiterate our previous request that the roadway, bike lanes and shoulders be left in a better condition after construction than before. The entire length of the roadway must be repaved with full overlay following construction of each phase, from SW 69th to SW 20th. Bike lanes need to meet current standards (6 ft width).

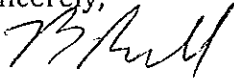
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We request that a better job be done temporarily restoring the pavement surface when the contractor is not working, especially at night and over weekends. The street contains numerous potholes, asphalt patches, steel plates, unclear lane markings, debris and gravel in the vehicle lanes and on the shoulders / bike lanes. This maintenance should occur promptly and as needed between now and project completion.

Sincerely,



Brian Russell

cc: Mayor Sam Adams
Commissioners Dan Saltzman, Randy Leonard, Amanda Fritz, Nick Fish
Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade