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September 6, 2018

Grethe Larson & Kathryn Daly
Arnold Creek Neighborhood Association
c/o Southwest Neighborhoods Inc.
7688 SW Capitol Highway
Portland, OR 97219

Re: SW Stephenson Safer Shoulders Project

Dear Grethe & Katie,

Thank you for your letter dated July 17, 2018 regarding the resolution adopting the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) staff proposal for pedestrian safety improvements to SW Stephenson St consistent with PBOT's Safer Shoulders Program.

Regarding the motion's six specific clarifications of intent, the following serves as PBOT's response:

- 1) PBOT will use the modified proposal presented at the June 12, 2018 Arnold Creek Neighborhood Association meeting as the plan concept for design engineering and construction of the currently funded improvements. This includes both additional safer shoulder, crossing and sidewalk improvements to create a more continuous pedestrian connection along SW Stephenson, as well as the traffic calming discussed below to complement these pedestrian improvements.
- 2) Regarding the traffic calming component of the proposal, PBOT will design and construct 'fire friendly' speed cushions consistent with the modified proposal presented, which reduces the overall number of cushions to be constructed, based public comment.
- 3) PBOT commits to evaluating the impacts of the speed cushions noted above after an approximate six month adjustment period has been completed. The evaluation will focus primarily on assessing the effectiveness of the speed cushions on speed reduction, any safety issues that may arise, and potential significant diversion to adjacent neighborhood streets. PBOT further commits to a public involvement process that includes the neighborhood association in association with the evaluation.



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- 4) PBOT commits to mitigating significant impacts that may be identified through the evaluation process noted above. Specific to traffic diversion, PBOT is prepared to fund the installation of additional speed bumps or cushions if deemed needed to address excessively increased traffic volumes or speeds on adjacent neighborhood streets.
- 5) PBOT commits to prioritizing the construction of the proposed speed cushions before the start of the Bureau of Environmental Services SW Boones Ferry Culvert Replacement Project's detour, as additional mitigation of the effects of the detour, although we cannot guarantee that a viable construction option to allow this will be found, given the relatively short time line.

PBOT further clarifies that it is very much our intent to complete the total package of proposed improvements as soon as possible, which in all likelihood will be next summer, as the project remains fully funded within our current budget. We would also like to reiterate that the Safer Shoulders Program and associated improvements are intended to be interim improvements and not a long term solution in lieu of sidewalks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Warner", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Warner

Interim Director, Portland Bureau of Transportation