



CRESTWOOD

Neighborhood Association

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SW Corridor Project Team

Re: Crossroads Options presented on October 29, 2018

At our bimonthly meeting on November 14, 2018, Crestwood Neighborhood Association discussed five options for a light rail alignment through West Portland Town Center aka “Crossroads” in the vicinity of SW Barbur and SW Capitol Highway.

Crestwood neighbors continued to express a strong preference for Alternative B1 Center Barbur which best serves our community and would address needed improvements to West Portland Town Center, as stated in our November 15, 2018 testimony. If that is not an option, **Crestwood Neighborhood Association unanimously stated a preference for the unrefined Alternative B2** over the “Collins” tunnel option for the following reasons:

- B2 does less harm to our neighborhood than the Collins option.
- B2’s aesthetic and environmental impacts are primarily in a commercial area.
- The Collins option has almost the same negative impacts in our neighborhood as the Taylors Ferry Refinement (negative impacts to Woods Park and environmental zoned properties; commercial and residential property displacements; visual, vibration and noise impacts, etc.).
- The materials do not state the cost of constructing the Collins tunnel but it seems a better use of public construction funds to replace the current substandard structure in the Center Barbur alignment in Crossroads that will need to be replaced at some point in the future.

Crestwood neighbors expressed disappointment about the lack of pedestrian and bicycle improvements associated with Alignment B2 and requested inclusion of these much-needed improvements:

- Pedestrian and bicycle access from West Portland Town Center to Dickinson Park.
- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities that cross over I-5 to access transit stations, Markham Elementary and Jackson Middle Schools, PCC, the Capitol Hill Library, places of worship and other nearby services that are unsafe to walk and bike to today.

We also hope the designs for the West Portland Town Center and Barbur Transit Center station will preserve the viewshed to the east as much as possible and maintain a public “observation deck” type of space for people to continue enjoying views of Mt. Hood, sunrise, moonrise and other events.

Sincerely,

/s/

Tony Hansen, President
Crestwood Neighborhood Association