



# CRESTWOOD

## *Neighborhood Association*

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March 27, 2020

Rian Windsheimer, Region 1 Manager  
Shelli Romero, Area Manager, Central  
ODOT Region 1  
123 NW Flanders  
Portland, OR 97209

Re: 99W (SW Barbur Blvd) at SW Capitol Highway Project, STIP 20438

Dear Mr. Windsheimer and Ms. Romero:

Many members of the Crestwood Neighborhood Association attended ODOT's open house on February 27, 2020 regarding ODOT's proposal to "improve" the intersection of SW Barbur and SW Capitol Highway.

We were extremely disappointed to learn that nothing has changed, despite overwhelming serious concerns about the many negative impacts of the proposed project. As we stated in our January 17, 2019 letter, we understand the complexity of the motor vehicle traffic patterns and we are particularly concerned about the safety of people walking, biking and traveling through our neighborhood. We want the project to result in safety improvements for all vulnerable road users because the project will affect us on a daily basis for decades to come. Your reply of January 25, 2019 stated that your engineers believe this is the best solution without sharing the actual analyses, and your belief that the trade-offs are justified without any evidence that this was done. The materials presented on February 27, 2020 confirm that nothing has changed since you first presented this project in February 2017.

Crestwood Neighborhood Association requests that ODOT analyze simpler signal solutions, such as a split phase signal operation for northbound and southbound Capitol Highway motor vehicle traffic, or a left turn signal at SW Capitol and Barbur. We further recommend that a red light/speed enforcement camera might provide the most cost-effective preventative measure to reduce the number of motor vehicle crashes at that intersection. These signal solutions could avoid the very serious negative impacts on pedestrian and bicycle safety throughout the jughandle (there have been serious ped/bike injuries on SW Taylors Ferry Road and SW Barbur Blvd in the jughandle area already that would be exacerbated by more motor vehicle traffic) and serious negative impacts on our neighborhood grocery store, Barbur World Foods.

Please reconsider the design elements of ODOT's 99W/SW Barbur at SW Capitol Highway project. The tradeoffs are not acceptable for the safety and livability in our neighborhood. Doing nothing, or implementing traffic signal enforcement, are better alternatives for everyone.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [CrestwoodNABoard@gmail.com](mailto:CrestwoodNABoard@gmail.com), or Crestwood's Vice President, Marianne Fitzgerald, at [fitzgerald.marianne@gmail.com](mailto:fitzgerald.marianne@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

/s/

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