



17 March 2017

Commissioner Dan Saltzman  
Portland City Council  
1221 SW 4th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204

Re: N Suttle Rd. Local Improvement District

Dear Commissioner Saltzman and Portland City Council,

The 3,000 foot North Suttle Road is long overdue for a rebuilt roadbed, new sidewalks, and a new stormwater system. The total cost of this project is \$9.6 million. The Columbia Corridor Association (CCA) asks that you consider establishing an LID for N. Suttle Rd. and make vigorous efforts to bring down the cost of the project by directing System Development Charge (SDC) funds and Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT) to this project.

An LID would cost an estimated \$8.5 million for 20 property owners, including contingencies. It would be the largest non-transit LID the City has ever had. City efforts to ease the burden on these property owners would demonstrate that the City truly appreciates their help in maintaining our streets and stormwater.

It's our belief that transportation SDC funds could go to the new sidewalks and parking. Stormwater SDC funds could go to the new stormwater system, which would add capacity for Suttle Rd. and Marine Dr., create a new outfall on the Columbia River and divert street runoff from Smith & Bybee Lakes.

The Portland Freight Committee has recommended that HVUT funds be directed to the N Suttle Rd LID, if established. The HVUT was envisioned to leverage limited funds by spending on early maintenance. This LID would result in better financial leverage than other HVUT projects. CCA and the Portland Freight Committee agree it easily meets the spirit of the HVUT.

In summary, we ask that you consider the following steps:

1. establish an LID for N Suttle Rd.,
2. direct Transportation SDC funds toward sidewalks and parking,
3. direct stormwater SDC funds toward the new stormwater line to the Columbia River, and
4. direct HVUT toward the street rebuild.

Past LID projects have been very successful for the local property owners and a very cheap way for the City to maintain its infrastructure. Success is largely due to Andrew Aebi's excellent program management. Andrew goes out of his way to be frugal with LID funds and searches hard for other revenue, which gives the property owners confidence in project costs. We encourage further use of this tool, which is best applied with matching funds from the City.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Corky Collier'.

Corky Collier  
Executive Director