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Re: Support for the 70's Greenway Proposal

This is to offer our support and endorsement for the 70's Greenway "STIP Enhance it" ODOT grant proposal as being prepared by transportation planner, Zef Wagner. It is gratifying to see that our previous advocacy for the "80th Avenue Greenway" through Montavilla (letter of October 13, 2014) is being taken seriously in this way. The main concern expressed in that previous letter was that the main north-south bike route through Montavilla should be as close to 82nd Avenue as possible and should provide direct access to all of the educational institutions along 80th and 82nd as well as the Milepost 5 Artists Community and JOIN. The current proposed realignment of the 70's Greenway covers most of our requests as stated in the October 2014 letter. While we appreciate the difficulty and extra expense of meeting all of our requests, we have the following suggestions:

- We support working with the PCC Southeast administration to determine how the "potential connection through the PCC Campus" can be achieved. Improved bicycle and pedestrian access both to the campus and across Division at 79th are important to PCC and the surrounding neighborhoods.
- To complete bike access from the north of PCC, it would also be necessary to include at least partial street improvements on 80th between Harrison Street and the north edge of the PCC Campus, plus a bike accessible curb ramp at the corner of SE 80th and Sherman to enhance access to campus.
- Consider a few ways that the route could be made closer to 82nd Avenue in some locations particularly between Multnomah and Everett, and between Foster and Duke.
- Consider how it could be extended southward to connect with the Springwater Trail.

These suggestions are illustrated as annotations on the attached map, the original of which was included with Zef's initial proposal. Aside from these suggestions, we strongly support the 70's Greenway proposal. It is important to our neighborhood for the following reasons:

- It will provide safe access to many destinations along 82nd Avenue.
- It will provide improved bike and pedestrian crossings at arterials where people have long requested such improvements; at Washington, Burnside, Division, and Glisan.
- Future development will increase the demand for these improved crossings; particularly at SE 80th and Washington.
- It will give safer bike and pedestrian access to two elementary schools: Bridger and Vestal
- It could possibly inspire further east-west improvements at NE Everett Street between 77th and 78th; currently an unimproved street, which is also a major walking route to Vestal Elementary School and which could become an important off-arterial bike route.

Also endorsed by the following:

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70s Bikeway: Conceptual Route



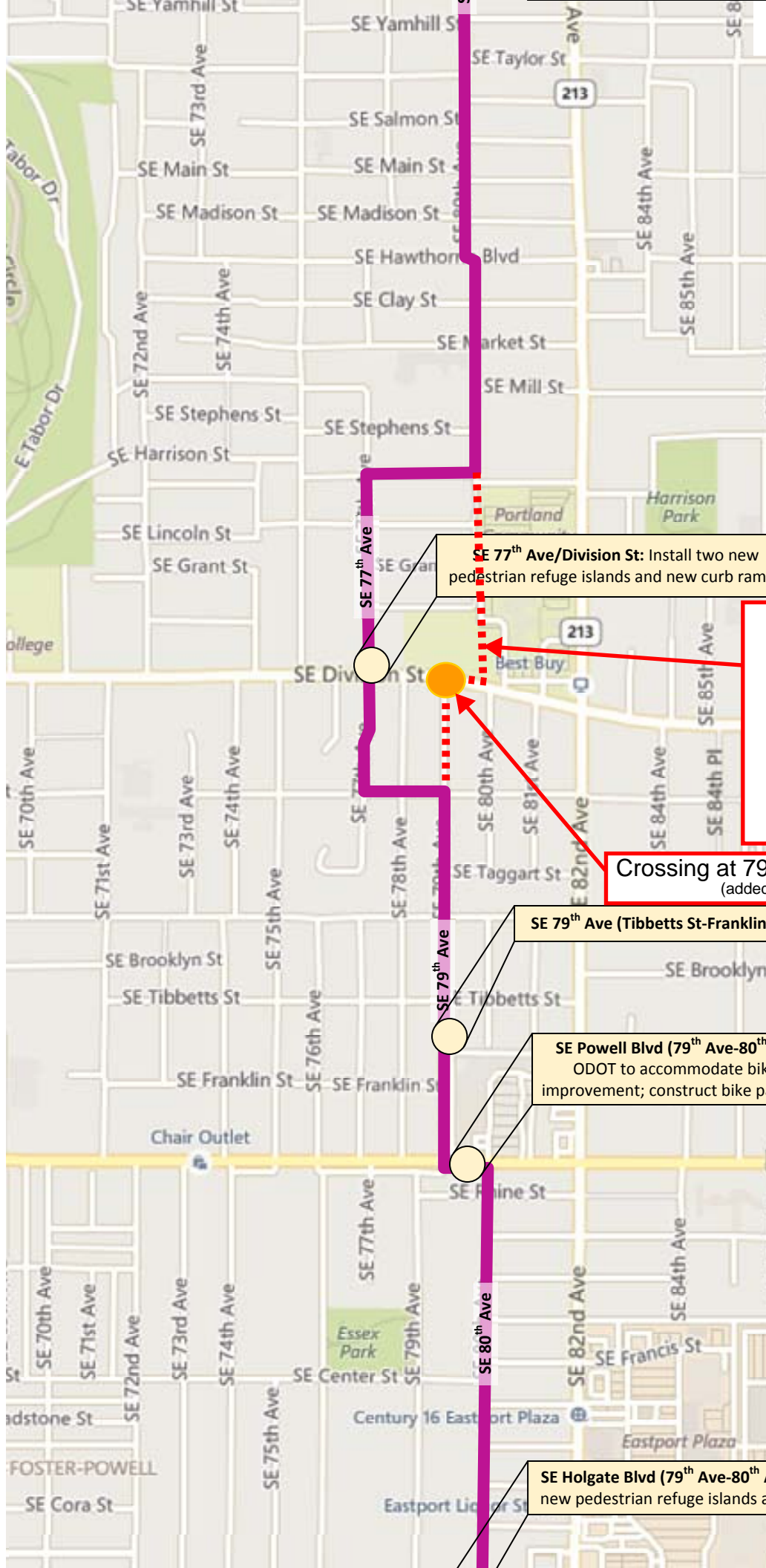
NE 74th Ave/Halsey St: Construct 2-way bike connection and modify signal to facilitate southbound bike movements

NE 78th Ave/Glisan St: Add bike detection to existing RRFB

E Burnside St/80th Ave: Install two new pedestrian refuge islands and new curb ramps

SE 80th Ave/Stark St: Install one new curb extension (SE corner), make existing curb extension ADA compliant, and install an RRFB

SE 80th Ave/Washington St: Install two new curb extensions and an RRFB



SE 77th Ave/Division St: Install two new pedestrian refuge islands and new curb ramps

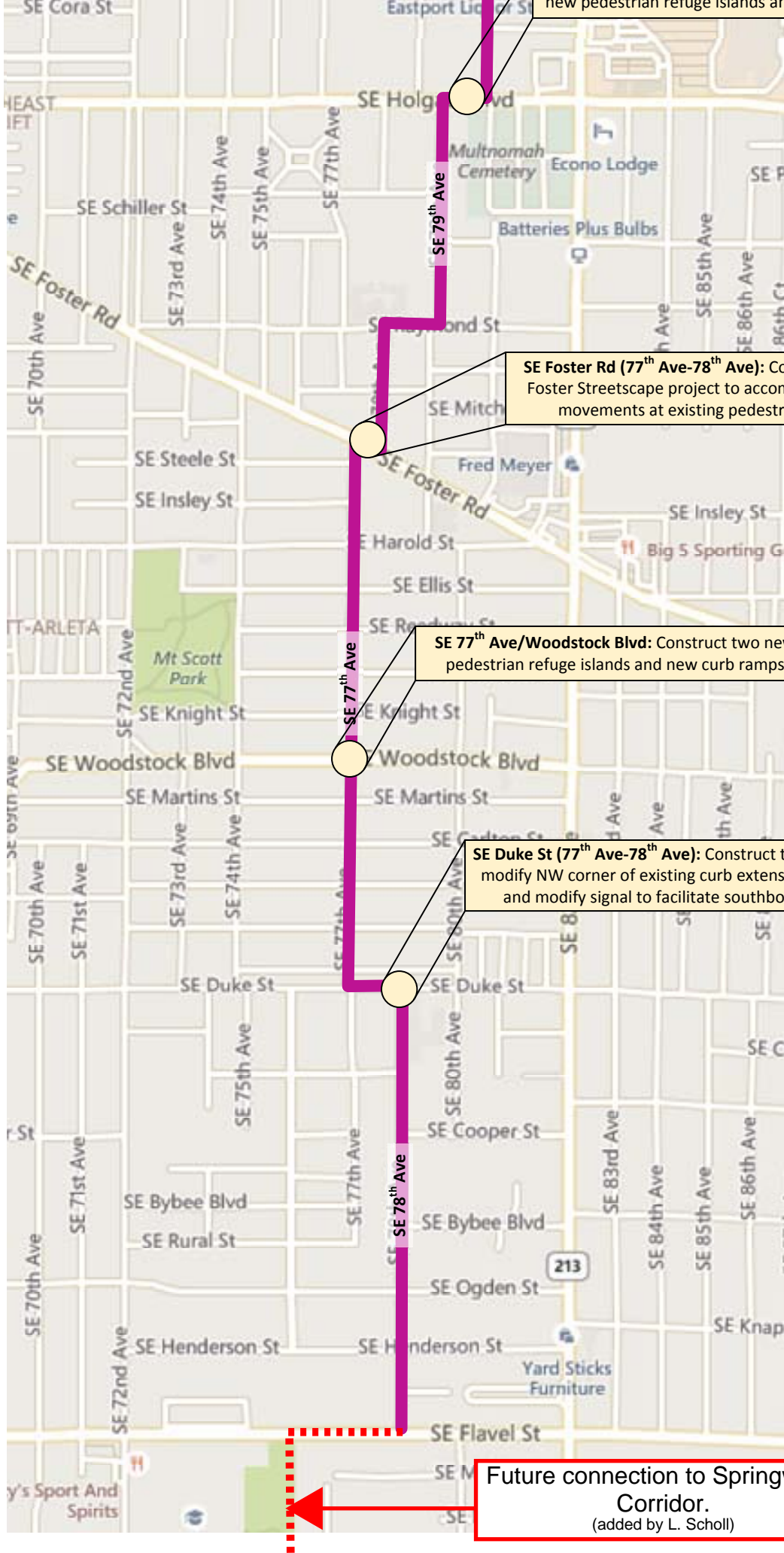
Potential alternate route through PCC Southeast Campus. Would require at least partial street improvements on 80th between Harrison and the north end of the PCC Campus.
(added by L. Scholl)

Crossing at 79th; already funded.
(added by L. Scholl)

SE 79th Ave (Tibbetts St-Franklin St): Rebuild pavement

SE Powell Blvd (79th Ave-80th Ave): Coordinate with Trimet and ODOT to accommodate bike crossings at future pedestrian improvement; construct bike path in ROW behind existing sidewalk

SE Holgate Blvd (79th Ave-80th Ave): Construct two new pedestrian refuge islands and new curb ramps



SE Foster Rd (77th Ave-78th Ave): Coordinate with Foster Streetscape project to accommodate bike movements at existing pedestrian signal

SE 77th Ave/Woodstock Blvd: Construct two new pedestrian refuge islands and new curb ramps

SE Duke St (77th Ave-78th Ave): Construct two-way bike connection, modify NW corner of existing curb extension to allow bike access, and modify signal to facilitate southbound bike movements

Future connection to Springwater Corridor.
(added by L. Scholl)