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Art Pearce, Planning Manager

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May 12, 2014

Dear Mr. Pearce,

The Montavilla Neighborhood Association board hereby endorses and supports the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) in its interest it performing a long term corridor study of 82nd Avenue. We understand that there is now a narrow window of opportunity to apply to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for a Transportation Growth Management (TGM) study grant. This is to encourage and support PBOT planners in applying for that grant.

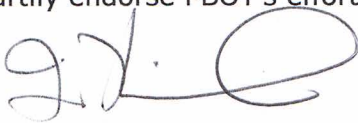
We understand that this planning process will take a comprehensive look at both the transportation and land use issues along and adjacent to 82nd Avenue. We feel that 82nd Avenue is ready for this process for the following reasons:

- 82nd Avenue is one of the busiest streets in Portland both in terms of personal vehicle traffic and public transit ridership.
- While 82nd Avenue was studied in 2008 as a high crash corridor, it has long been overlooked in more comprehensive city planning processes.
- 82nd Avenue, though often thought of as being in east Portland, has been mostly excluded in from the East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) process.
- The recent expansion of the PCC's Southeast Campus is bringing new vitality to 82nd Avenue and will require new thinking about transportation in *middle east* Portland.
- 82nd Avenue is a vital transportation boulevard that could serve to feed new economic development in *middle east* Portland.

Long range thinking and extensive public involvement are needed to sort out how to develop existing transportation modes and keep them compatible with possible new modes. It is essential that this process also consider how public infrastructure and planning can encourage development of new light industry that increases employment opportunities while enhancing the livability and attractiveness of the corridor and its adjacent neighborhoods.

We hereby heartily endorse PBOT's effort in applying for a grant for the TGM planning process for 82nd Avenue.

Sincerely,



Montavilla Neighborhood Association Board

Fritz Hirsch, Board Chair

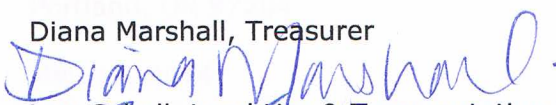
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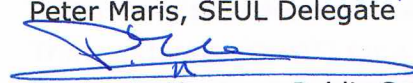
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