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Dear Commissioner Novick, Director Treat and Captain Mike Crebs:

I'm writing you today on behalf of the Montavilla Neighborhood Association Board and our neighbors in the Montavilla Neighborhood.

Our board and our neighbors continue to be concerned about issues that negatively impact the safety of pedestrians and commuters in our neighborhood.

87th and Glisan Pedestrian Crossing

The unimproved pedestrian crossing at 87th and Glisan recently was the scene of a neighbor's child and dog being struck. The dog died at the scene while the child survived, luckily with only minor injuries.

We have heard from neighbors in the area that they have been concerned about this crossing for years and that neighbors regularly struggle to cross safely due to drivers who coming speeding down NE Glisan Street, often distracted by their phones. The crosswalk being only paint striped lacks safety improvements such as rapid flashing beacons which would improve the visibility of the crossing and make crossings safer.

We implore the Portland Bureau of Transportation to prioritize this location for safety improvements that will give our neighbors safer crossing at this location, which is frequented by students of area schools and colleges and families headed to and from Montavilla Park and nearby transit.

We also ask that PBOT and Portland Police, in the short term, conduct a pedestrian enforcement action at this crossing to help educate drivers on this corridor of their responsibility to yield for pedestrians.

74th and Burnside Traffic Flow

We continue to receive reports of accidents near 74th and Burnside from neighbors living nearest this intersection. We understand the most recent accident was last month involving a motorist and Trimet bus.

Neighbors observe this corner to be a major hazard to both commuters and pedestrians saying that this area often has vehicles travelling at higher speeds and coming around the corner. They have little time to slow or correct if another vehicle crosses or pedestrian is making a legal crossing from corner to corner. It is our understanding this section regularly has had accidents over the

years.

We ask that Portland Bureau of Transportation evaluate opportunities to improve safety and traffic flow around this intersection. We would also ask that Portland Police Traffic Division consider doing 2-3 short traffic enforcement actions here focused on excessive speed and distracted driving.

In closing, we would like to take the opportunity to thank both the staff of the Portland Bureau of Transportation and the officers of the Portland Police Bureau for their continued efforts in helping us realize Vision Zero in the Montavilla Neighborhood and helping us be proactive in protecting the lives of our residents and those who shop and go to school in our neighborhood. We look forward to a response from each of you as to how you can help us address the issues identified in this letter.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Kerensa
Vice Chair
Montavilla Neighborhood Association

Approved on August 8th, 2016 by a vote of the Montavilla Neighborhood Association Board of Directors.

CC: Sharon White (PBOT), Commander Kelli Sheffer (PPB), Director Josh Harper (Multnomah University)