May 17, 2017

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RE: Proposed Speed Limit Reduction on SE 13th Avenue

Dear Ms. Dickman,

We received your letter dated April 25, 2017 letting us know that PBOT is considering reducing the speed limit on SE 13th Avenue between SE Malden and SE Tacoma Streets. Thank you for requesting input from SMILE on this proposal.

SMILE supports the proposed speed limit reduction to 20 mph for that segment of road. We also recommend that PBOT consider extending the speed limit reduction 3 blocks south of SE Tacoma to SE Harney Street. This section of SE 13th is also within the Storefront Commercial Zone, is used heavily by pedestrians and cyclists, and has limited sight distances from cross streets due to cars parked on SE 13th.

Thank you for considering our recommendations.

Sincerely,

Joel Leib, President
Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League
Board of Directors

Cc: Scott Kelly, Chairman, SMILE Transportation Committee