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December 18, 2019

Director Chris Warner
Portland Bureau of Transportation
1120 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 800
Portland, OR 97204

RE: Support for SE Tacoma Street Rose Lane Pilot Project

Dear Mr. Warner:

Our neighborhood association supports the proposed Rose Lane pilot project on SE Tacoma Street with a goal to reduce delays to Trimet's Bus 99.

Bus 99 is one of the few public transit options for residents of Sellwood-Moreland to commute directly to and from downtown Portland. It only runs on weekdays during morning and evening peak periods. Unfortunately, in the morning the bus is often stuck in traffic on Tacoma Street trying to cross the Sellwood Bridge. The westbound bus regularly sits through multiple signal cycles at SE 13th Avenue while waiting to cross the intersection due to personal vehicles filling the lanes on the west side of the intersection. Trimet's data indicate this is the most delayed bus line in their entire system, experiencing the highest degree of variability, in large part due to this segment of SE Tacoma Street.

We have previously brought this situation to PBOT's and Trimet's attention and are glad to see PBOT has included this section of SE Tacoma Street for a potential Rose Lane pilot project. We believe there can be a relatively easy and cost-effective solution to reduce the bus delays at this site with minimal impact to parking or personal vehicle travel. We look forward to working closely with PBOT and Trimet staff to create a successful, cost effective project that supports Portland's goals to reduce auto dependence and greenhouse gas emissions.

We hope you will pursue a Rose Lane pilot project on SE Tacoma Street.

Sincerely,


President, SMILE Board of Directors

Motion approved, 9-0

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