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Dear Sirs:

Due to our location away from the city center, transportation issues present particular sustainability challenges to our institution. For many years we have worked to increase the ability of students, staff, and faculty to access Lewis and Clark through modes of transportation other than single occupancy automobiles. Reducing “drive alone” trips to campus cuts down our community’s contributions to pollution and congestion, as well as allows our schools to be good neighbors in southwest Portland by reducing both local traffic and the need for more parking facilities.

As recent events have tragically demonstrated, however, the safety of members of the Lewis and Clark community is also of the utmost importance. One of our students was seriously injured last month while walking his bicycle on Barbur Boulevard. While we are actively working to encourage more members of our faculty, staff, and student bodies to ride bicycles or walk to campus, we need to feel confident that they are not putting themselves in harm’s way by making this transportation choice.

Barbur Boulevard is the most direct and level route for cyclists and pedestrians to and from downtown Portland and the Lewis and Clark campus. Therefore, we have a special interest in the

members of our community having confidence that they can safely use Barbur to get to and from Lewis and Clark without a car.

We know that the best solutions to problems with multiple stakeholders are usually arrived at through collaboration. We of course support efforts to increase the safety of cyclists and pedestrians using Barbur as part of the long-term Southwest Corridor planning process. While the next few decades could bring a variety of transportation opportunities to southwest Portland, we believe it is also important to consider the present safety and needs of all modes of transportation using Barbur Boulevard. We thus encourage the Oregon Department of Transportation, the City of Portland, and Metro to work together to devise creative solutions which substantially improve bicycle and pedestrian safety in the short term, enabling all users of Barbur Boulevard to arrive safely at their destinations.

Thank you for considering the interests of the Lewis and Clark community in making the decisions that affect transportation in southwest Portland. We look forward to continuing our contributions toward making Portland one of the country's most sustainable and best educated cities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Glassner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Barry Glassner
President and Professor