April 18, 2018

Leah Treat, Director
Portland Bureau of Transportation
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Dear Director Treat,

I'm writing to follow up with you regarding The Street Trust's campaign to save the bike lanes on SE 26th Avenue at Powell Boulevard. I appreciate your willingness to work towards a solution with our organization and ODOT on this issue.

As a result of The Street Trust's request, ODOT re-evaluated the latest traffic counts for SE 28th Avenue. ODOT's State Traffic-Roadway Engineer stated that the 28th Avenue pedestrian signal could potentially meet the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) Warrant 4 for Pedestrian Volume. He states than an engineering analysis and formal request from PBOT to ODOT is required. It is my understanding that ODOT's approval of SE 28th under Warrant 4 would provide for better design options at SE 26th to ensure the safety of cyclists.

ODOT Region 1 Manager Rian Windsheimer offered a May1, 2018 deadline for PBOT's formal request and subsequent determination of how it will stripe SE 26th. We urge PBOT to move forward with the engineering analysis and formal request.

When the warrant is met, we support striping that preserves a 3-foot area for bikes whether this is termed a shoulder or a bike lane. Shared lane markings will provide additional awareness of cyclists. Please also maintain the existing bike boxes to help increase visibility and keep people on bikes safe at this intersection.

Finally, we'd like note our support for protected left-turn phasing and leading pedestrian intervals that are included in ODOT's work on the intersection.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

J. Detweiler

Jillian Detweiler   c: Rian Windsheimer, ODOT Region 1 Manager
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