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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

December 10, 2018

Chris Warner
Director
Portland Bureau of Transportation
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Portland, OR 97204

Doug Kelsey
General Manager
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SUBT: Proposed Pedestrian Bridge in SE Portland Max Orange Line Gideon Crossing

Dear Directors Warner and Kelsey:

For a few months I have been in touch with businesses on 14th street -- Sustainable Northwest Wood, Koerner Camera, and K&F Coffee. They are concerned about the impact to their businesses as well as pedestrian and traffic safety because of the proposed pedestrian bridge for Orange Line patrons and bike commuters. As we understand it, both of your agencies are involved in funding and citing the proposed pedestrian bridge.

After listening to the concerns of the residents in the area and the businesses on the street, I am respectfully asking that you consider moving the bridge to a different location either up further on 16th street or even consider 8th or 9th street instead.

I don't think your planning is so far along that you could not consider an alternative. I think this would be an appropriate compromise. You would still offer an opportunity for Max riders and bike commuters to get across the tracks when a train is progressing, and you would not make it hard for businesses operating fork lifts and handling large truck deliveries to operate and potentially harm these very commuters your agencies are attempting to serve.

If this has to be decided/reconsidered at a Council or Tri Met board meeting I am more than willing to attend such a meeting to discuss this concern in person. If you need to talk with me, I can best be reached at Rep.Robnosse@oregonlegislature.gov or by cell phone at 971-235-9342. I await your replies.

Sincerely,

Rob Nosse
State Representative

cc;   Chloe Eudaly Portland City Commissioner
        Lori, Bauman, Tri Met Board of Directors, District Four
        Chris Eykamp, Hosford Abernathy Neighborhood District
        Michelle Sprague, Hosford Abernathy Neighborhood District