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Mingus Mapps Commissioner **Tara Wasiak** Interim Director

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Portland Pedestrian Advisory Committee

RE: ODOT I-5 Rose Quarter Supplemental Environmental Assessment

Dear PAC Members:

Thank you for taking the time to review the SEA document and for submitting a response letter. PBOT is committed to working with our community partners and other stakeholders to support a project that reflects our shared community values while embracing the history, culture, and diversity of the neighborhood. Your letter, along with the letter and comments submitted by the city, reflects the need for ODOT to revise the project from what was presented in the SEA.

We hear and share your concerns regarding pedestrian safety and comfort as reflected in the SEA documents. In addition, the detailed comments submitted by the City align with the PAC's references to city policy and guidelines.

We also acknowledge your request to withhold full support of the project. The city team has been working continuously with ODOT and project partners since receiving direction from City Council and rejoining the project in July 2022. We have been working to address issues such as crosswalk closures, intersection complexity, and accessibility in our ongoing work on the project.

In the closing of your letter, you also asked PBOT not to contribute staff time and funding to the project. City Council approved the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with ODOT to provide the mechanism through which the city could work to ensure the ultimate design reflect city policy and guidelines to the extent possible. Per the IGA, the city is fully reimbursed by ODOT for time spent on the project.



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Per Ordinance No. 190194, Portland City Council directed staff to provide planning and engineering services to support the state's supplemental environmental review and the project's preliminary design phase.

Your expertise as individuals and as a committee is critically important. We will continue to facilitate ODOT's committee project briefings and opportunities for the PAC to engage as the project progresses. We anticipate a summer/fall update to review the progress made in addressing SEA comments and areas that may require additional refinement. We welcome the opportunity for you to further share your knowledge and feedback.

Sincerely,



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