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U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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RE: USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) 2022 Grant Application, Letter of Commitment for the **Safe Systems on 122nd Avenue: A Model for Humanizing Arterial Streets**

Dear USDOT Reviewers:

The Transportation Research and Education Center (TREC) at Portland State University (PSU) is pleased to partner with the Portland Bureau of Transportation on the “*Safe Systems on 122nd Avenue: A Model for Humanizing Arterial Streets*” project. As identified in the project proposal, TREC’s role will be to conduct state-of-the-art safety evaluations of many of the novel aspects of the project. Potential evaluation focus areas include protected intersections, right turn on red restrictions, speed management, and novel signal timing strategies such as rest on red and exclusive pedestrian and bicycle phases. The results of these evaluations will be used to understand how well these treatments advance the objectives of the safe system approach and guide their use on other projects.

TREC is an interdisciplinary research center that combines expertise from a wide range of backgrounds and supports collaborative research and education for vibrant communities. As home to the U.S. DOT-funded National Institute for Transportation and Communities (NITC), this project closely aligns with our center’s mission to improve transportation mobility options by increasing safety. We have a long history of partnering with PBOT on a wide variety of research and faculty with significant expertise in this area. This program will provide an exciting opportunity to continue and strengthen that partnership

We offer the fullest support for PBOT’s efforts to secure this grant and believe this project will demonstrate how a jurisdiction can apply the principles of the safe system to transform our roadways for all users.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Dill".

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