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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 8, 2014

To: Metro
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CC: Zef Wagner, Associate Planner, PBOT

From: Southeast Uplift Board of Directors

Subject: Endorsement of Brentwood-Darlington SRTS Regional Flexible Funding

The Board of SE Uplift would like to add our name to the list of enthusiastic endorsers of this critical project. Brentwood-Darlington has been historically underinvested in since annexed, yet has recently seen significant infill and development stressing the already limited transportation infrastructure. Many of these new residents have been displaced from our inner neighborhoods as rents and housing costs have skyrocketed in recent years. As one of SE Uplift's most affordable and racially diverse neighborhoods, it is time to invest in infrastructure equity for Brentwood-Darlington.

The safe routes to school sidewalk gap infill will create pedestrian spines through the heart of the neighborhood connecting parks, schools and the Brentwood Community Center for the first time, giving significant local health and safety benefits. The integration to the neighborhoods to the east and west is of regional benefit, including encouraging mass transit to other neighborhood employment and commercial zones. This helps the entire city.

The bicycle elements would be just as transformative connecting the 20's, 50's, 70's and 80's bikeways for the first time this deep south through SE Uplift. Current bike facilities are constructed with narrow bike lanes on busy corridors and include network gaps. This modern all ages facility will also serve as a regional alternative for those uncomfortable riding on the Springwater Corridor further south in inclement weather or at night; Currently there is no alternative route.

As SE Uplift neighborhoods grow, thus becoming more dense, it is important to give all our residents transportation options. The Knapp-Ogdon greenway will create a southerly east-west spine connection to

multiple facilities including central city access for employment, educational, commercial and recreation opportunities thus mitigating some commuter impacts through our closer in neighborhoods.

With over 1000 signatures gathered, the local neighborhood has shown a depth of support needed for this type of project. Please add our letter as this moves forward through the funding process,

On behalf of the Southeast Uplift Board of Directors,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. McCullough', written in a cursive style.

Robert McCullough
Chair

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