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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: NE Halsey Safety and Enhancement to Transit Project Endorsement

The Board of Se Uplift is giving our full support behind the Ne Halsey Safety Project. Ne Halsey 68th and 81st is located in the Montavilla residential neighborhood, but this roadway is a high crash corridor designed for speed with its outdated four lane configuration. The neighborhoods of North Tabor and Montavilla requested our advocacy for safety modernization, which we gave in a letter to PBOT in 2015. We would like to thank PBOT for this grant application and project follow through.

Gateway, a region of the city slated for significant growth over the next generation, is currently inaccessible safely from Se Uplift except by MAX or automobile without significant detours. The I 84 and I 205 highways create significant barriers for cyclists and pedestrians. This project will transform Ne Halsey from a 50s era auto mover into a modern multi-modal model of safety providing a critical link in our transportation system. It will be transformative for our northern border.

For the first time, there will be an all ages bikeway and walkway east so the residents of Se Uplift can integrate with our NE neighbors for employment, commercial opportunities, and recreational facilities. This is the final piece for an integrated and protected Halsey facility east to Gresham. Locally, the improved access to the 82nd station with three MAX lines and our most heavily used bus line, is critical for a people focussed transformation of the region surrounding NE 82nd from an urban highway into a true civic mixed use corridor.

The Halsey south side multi-use-path east from 81st will incentivise MAX riders and local residents to access the future Gateway Green recreational facilities, linking it with the Lumbyards indoor bike park to the north on

82 nd. Combined with the 70s Bikeway, this project creates an active transportation safety four directional spine citywide centered near Madison High School, our lowest income and most diverse high school.

We enthusiastically would like to add our coalition's support to the many other groups that are supporting this project.

Thank you for your diligence and work,

On behalf of the Southeast Uplift Board of Directors,

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Robert McCullough
Chair

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