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Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick

Metro Councilor Bob Stacey

Dear Councilors Craddick and Stacey:

Re: Alignment and design of the Powell-Division Bus Rapid Transit and Development Project

After a presentation from our board member Terry Dublinski-Milton, the board of SE Uplift unanimously endorsed 16-0 the SE 82nd alignment choice of the Powell-Division Bus Rapid Transit and Development Project. This aligns with the local preference of many neighborhood associations and of the burgeoning Jade district residents.

Even though we feel that safe bike and pedestrian access is critical to the success of this project, the damage the “High Build” option would do to the local community is not worth the social or financial cost.

Hence, we also endorsed the “middle build” option which would require the acquisition of only four local business, with the caveat that: “The parallel 70's bikeway be as robust as possible, there be safe crossings of 82nd between Powell and Division minimally every block and that the 80's Greenway crossing of Powell be modernized to facilitate safe travel from all directions.”

Thank you for your hard work and outreach,

Sincerely,

Robert McCullough

President
Southeast Uplift

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