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To: Tom Hughes, Metro President  
Matt Garrett, ODOT Director

From: SE Uplift Neighborhood Coalition  
Re: 82nd avenue inclusion in the RTP

July 11, 2018

The SE Uplift Neighborhood Coalition representing 160,000 residents with 20 neighborhoods voted unanimously at our June board meeting to add our voice concerning the lack of a major designated project in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to modernize 82nd Avenue. As Metro's RTP is in open comment period, now is the time to listen to community input.

Our eastern border is 82nd, an ODOT owned "orphan highway" which bisects our lowest income and most ethnically diverse neighborhood. Though a dangerous high crash corridor, it serves as a main street. This "main street" is burdened with no bicycle access, narrow and obstructed sidewalks, and dangerous crossings despite the high usage #72 bus line which has Portland's largest number of passengers boarding.

In order to facilitate a transformation of this archaic auto-centric highway to a fully multi-modal main street driven by local community input, constructed to PBOT safety standards, a major project must be included in the near term Regional Transportation Plan.

Thus, SE Uplift adds our name calling for its inclusion in the near term Transportation Systems Project list. This chorus of endorsements includes: all local statewide elected representatives, Portland City Council, the 82nd Avenue Improvement Coalition, Mount Scott-Arleta Neighborhood Association, North Central Neighborhood Coalition and the East Portland Neighborhood Office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

For future communications please contact us and we would be happy to schedule a meeting to discuss this in more depth.

Sincerely,



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Co-Chair SE Uplift



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Metro's Regional Transportation Commission  
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