

April 5, 2007

Portland Planning Commission  
1900 SW 4th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97201-5350

Re: Street Vacation at NE Third Ave and NE Davis Street

Dear Commissioners,

As the committee of citizens working with PDC and the developers toward a successful Burnside Bridgehead project, we wish to contribute our perspective on the proposed street vacation on portions of NE Third Avenue and NE Davis Street.

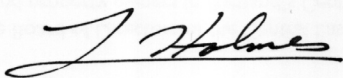
The Burnside Bridgehead Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) is comprised of representatives of a wide range of Central Eastside and Citywide interests. We support the proposed S-curve through the project as a means of increasing traffic capacity as well as critical access to the project.

The CAC supports this proposed street vacation with the following caveats:

- Commitments made to the Central Eastside Industrial District early in the scoping phase of the Burnside Bridgehead project about prioritizing freight movement (over other modes such as passenger vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle) on NE Second Avenue must be maintained.
- The final plan will need to be approved by neighborhood and business associations. Therefore, The City should take great care in balancing the resources created for bicyclists with the access needs of area businesses. More specifically, area businesses should be included early in design discussions regarding bicycle connectivity in the district.

We urge you to support timely approval of this proposed street vacation.

Respectfully,



Tim Holmes  
Chair, Burnside Bridgehead Citizen Advisory Committee

CC: Bruce Warner, Executive Director, PDC  
PDC Commissioners  
Burnside Bridgehead CAC Members: Jim Andrews, Mike Bolliger, Jeff Brooks,  
Norm Chusid, Lynne Coward, Dike Dame, Frank Dufay, Joni Hartman, Bruce  
Murray, Dave Nemarnik, Ralph Tahrn, Bob Wentworth, Michael  
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