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**Councilor Christine Lewis, District 2**

June 17, 2022

Tootie Smith, Chair  
Clackamas County Board of Commissioners  
2051 Kaen Road  
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Chair Smith:

I am excited to announce the creation of 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Transit Project Steering Committee by Metro Council on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The committee will lead a public process to identify a transit concept for 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Portland and Clackamas County. Developing a bus project that improves reliability, travel times, and safe access to transit on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue corridor is essential to achieve our region's 2040 Growth Concept, Climate Smart Strategy, racial equity goals and shared priorities for the many people who travel this busy corridor. TriMet's line 72 on 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue is the highest ridership bus line in TriMet's entire system carrying more riders than two light rail lines while providing crucial connections to jobs, shopping, and services. However, this route is regularly stuck in traffic. The 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue transit project provides the opportunity to transform transit to better serve our diverse communities.

Clackamas County is a critical partner in this effort. In recognition, we make the following request to appoint a representative from your Board to serve on a Steering Committee for this 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue project. Collaboration between the City of Portland, Clackamas County, Multnomah County, the Port of Portland, ODOT, TriMet and Metro is foundational to improving transit on 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The Steering Committee will ensure your interests are incorporated into the project. The committee will also include up to four community members who are working simultaneously on an Equitable Development Strategy to identify and further community priorities separate but related to the transit project in this very diverse corridor. A description of the committee and its charge is attached. We anticipate monthly meetings starting in summer 2022 as needed, with a goal of completing the Steering Committee's work in the second half of 2023. The Committee is expected to be active for a period of approximately 18 months. The two of us will co-chair the committee and we are thrilled to begin this work together.

Please identify the right person from your Board to serve as a representative and send that information to Metro's Project Manager, Elizabeth Mros-O'Hara at [elizabeth.mros-ohara@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:elizabeth.mros-ohara@oregonmetro.gov). Elizabeth will communicate directly about committee details.

We look forward to working with you to identify an 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue transit concept that will serve our region and meet our shared goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Lewis".

Christine Lewis  
Metro Councilor, District 2