

Dear MAP-IT Partner Organizations,

The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners appreciates your ongoing engagement in and advocacy for your community.

We have heard that there is some misunderstanding in the community about our most recent action on, and the status of, the Park Avenue Community Project. On June 22, staff presented a project update, and the Board discussed the concern from some business owners about the possibility of changing future allowed commercial uses. At that time, the Board voted to pause any additional County staff work on the project until the community can develop a more cohesive vision for the Park Ave. area.

While we know not everyone will agree on a final plan, we do hope that additional feedback from the community on the proposed modified development and design standards will better balance the interests of residents and businesses. Additionally, the Board expects that any proposed changes in the Park Ave. project area will encourage the retention of existing family-wage jobs.

We believe that the McLoughlin Area Plan Implementation Team (MAP-IT), as a leading organization in the community and an initiator of this project, is ideally suited to engage in this collaborative work. We strongly encourage the MAP-IT partner organizations to work together, and appreciate the recent commitments from the Jennings Lodge CPO and the McLoughlin Area Business Alliance to do so.

Clackamas County has invested substantial staff time and funding in the Park Ave. Community Project, and we look forward to hearing the results of your additional conversations and finding a plan that the community—and the Board—can support.

Sincerely,

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